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BCCI fraud forces banking crackdown

By NEIL BENNETT AND PHILIP WEBSTER

NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, yesterday an-nounced a package of banking reforms in response to damning criticism of the Bank of England in the official report on the closure of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Lord Justice Bingham's re-port on BCCI, published earlier in the day, denounces the regulation of the bank as "a tragedy of errors, misunderstandings and failures of communication". It says that the Bank of England ignored repeated warnings of fraud in the years leading to BCCI's

"the highest measure of closure in July last year. Mr Lamont resisted de-mands to sack Robin Leighpunishment - death by shooting for a large quantity of former Polish officers held in prison Pemberton, the Bank of England governor. He told MPs that he had "every confi-... Page 16 dence" in him after Gordon Top hospitals Brown, the shadow chancellor, said that the Bank had

face closure been a soft touch for BCCI. Announcing the report to The closure of some of the Commons, Mr Lamont. London's most famous said that the government was introducing legislation that teaching hospitals and the merger of others is recomwould give the Bank inmended in a report to be creased powers to close banks published today, according to a leak. Virginia Bottomley, health secreit thought were not properly regulated. Mr Lamont has tary, will announce details promised to ask other European Community members to of the plan for the future of

pass similar laws. The government is also setting up a committee to allow Britain's most senior regulators to exchange infor■ Despite a damning report on the Bank of England's handling of BCCI, cataloguing a tragedy of errors, Norman Lamont is resisting demands to dismiss the bank's governor

mation on suspect financial companies, and is introducing laws to force auditors to hand over information to regulators. The Bank of England is creating a special investigations unit to examine bank fraud, and a legal unit to ensure that the Bank uses all its powers against offenders.

'An effective system of banking supervision is essential to any advanced economy." Mr Lamont said. "The government is determined to learn all the lessons from this unhappy affair. We accept all the Bingham report's recommendations and we will pur-sue them vigorously." He said the report showed that there was no duplicity or bad faith and that the Bank was party to

no conspiracy or cover-up.

The Bingham report is far more damning of the Bank of England than MPs and the City had expected. Lord Justice Bingham makes dear that he thinks the Bank missed repeated opportunities to investigate BCCI and that there was a serious breakdown in communication between the Bank of England, BCCI's auditors and the Abu Dhabi

jority shareholder. BCCI was closed by the Bank of England and international regulators after the discovery of massive fraud. It had squandered more than \$10 billion in fictitious loans, unrecorded deposits and currency and

tors and auditors by falsifying its records. The Bingham report was commissioned by John Major two weeks after the closure. Lord Justice Bingham had unparalleled access to confidential files and minutes from the Bank of England, the BCCI auditors Price Waterhouse and BCCI itself. The 220-page report has been published in full, but the eight appendices have been with-

commodity trading, then con-

cealed the losses from regula-

held for legal reasons. Hundreds of thousands of the bank's depositors in more than 60 countries have lost more than \$10 billion. Yesterday, a Luxembourg district court gave the go-ahead for a compensation package that promises to recover up to 40 per cent of their losses.

Bank of England officials have always said that they were sturned by a report from

Price Waterhouse in June 1991 giving details of the fraud. Lord Justice Bingham says that the Bank should have been "more alert in receiving and understanding the messages it was given ... The Bank had not been given all the pieces of the jigsaw. It had

also failed to recognise some of the pieces it had been given." A report to the Bank in October 1990, revealing clear signs of fraud, was not passed to Roger Barnes, head of banking supervision. When steps were being taken to close the bank. Mr Barnes was on holiday and first read about the action in the press.

The report criticises Price Waterhouse for not passing on all the information it had gathered, and says that the Abu Dhabi government should have revealed details of a confession by Swaleh Naqvi, the bank's former chief executive, in April 1990.

However, it says that the Bank of England was right to close BCCI when it knew the full extent of the fraud. It clears the government, saying:
"The conduct of Treasury officials and ministers is not in my view open to criticism." Touche Ross, BCCI's liquidator, said last night that it was examining the report to see if it could take legal action

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against named third parties.

City Comment, page 29 Major puts Gatt blame on French

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

A WAR of words flared last night between Britain, France, America and the European Commission over responsibility for a breakdown of farm trade talks and the bleak prospects for concluding a new world trade treaty. As US negotiators left Brus-

sels after concluding that "no agreement between the US and EC is possible at this time" John Major criticised Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, and called for a report and sought ways to

Trade war looms, page 12

Maastricht bill's early date sparks

By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

1922 clash

MORE details of the prime minister's new economic strategy emerged last night as he brought forward the date of his next clash on the Maastricht treaty with the Eurosceptics within his ranks.

In a move suggesting that be is regaining his confidence after the battering he has taken over the past five weeks, he made clear that the bill ratifying the treaty would return to the Commons before the end of next month. The prospect of the bill's making an early return sparked a fierce dispute at last night's meeting of the backbench Tory 1922 committee.

At the same time, it was



disclosed that pioneering new schemes aimed at attracting private sector finance for big infrastructure projects are being drawn up in Whitehall in response to the prime minister's search for bold measures to end the recession. Ministers are said to be

examining urgently options that would boost growth, jobs and the recovery by using public sector grants to pump-prime the building of new roads and bridges and the purchase of new railway rolling stock.

Downing Street sources said that John Major's emphasis on the importance of protecting capital projects dur-ing the toughest spending round for a decade had "energised" government departments in their search for novel ways of keeping afloat programmes seen as essential for reviving the building industry and creating a wider prosperity.

Ministers at the environment and transport departments are understood to be taking the lead in finding Continued on page 2, col 7

Jeering mars royal bid for reconciliation

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN DRESDEN

THE three student protesters among the crowd of 5,000 in the city square of Dresden least 35,000 civilians. The recent unveiling of a statue in London to the mastermind of were nothing if not polite as they awaited the arrival of the Queen. Sober-suited and with respectable haircuts, they were almost diffident as they unfurled their crudely painted black-and-white banner and hoisted aloft the sardonic message: "Reconciliation -

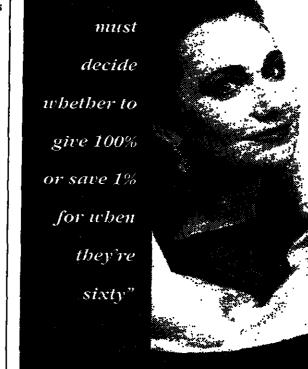
With Harris?" Elsewhere in the square, there were pockets of more vociferous opposition to the Queen's presence for a service of reconciliation in the city which suffered devastating bombing in the last months of the war, with the loss of at

"Singers

RAF Bomber Command, Sir Arthur Harris, still rankles in this city.

Near the front door of the eighteenth-century Kreuzkirche, one of the city's main churches, a group chanted: "Weg mit Harris" (Away with Harris). One placard in bloodred paint read: "Remember 13-14 February, 1945" - the date of the Dresden raid. Another said: "253,000 Victims of the Anglo-American Bomb Terror." A few boos Continued on page 2, col 3

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Oxford men on standby for a call to court of King Clinton FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

government, the bank's ma-

PRESIDENT Bush has missed no opportunity to malign Oxford during his election campaign, but if Bill Clinton wins the city of dreaming spires will be laughing last. The ancient university could well have four alumni in the upper reaches

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80URG U 50: MAI tion, not to mention the Mr Clinton met two of his campaign's top advisers when they were all Rhodes scholars together. Robert Reich, now a Harvard lecturer and author, went up to University College with Mr Clinton in 1968, and both subsequently went on to

of America's next administra-

Yale law school Ira Magaziner, a business consultant and industrial theorist, went to Balliol in 1969. Both can expect to have top economic or domestic policy jobs in a Clinton administration.

Another Oxford friend was Michael Mandelbaum, now one of Mr Clinton's foreign affairs advisers in line for a senior State Department job.

Completing the "Oxford cirde" is George Stephanopoulos, who went to Balliol as a Rhodes scholar in 1984 and who is Mr Clinton's communications director, head spin doctor and counterpuncherin-chief. Although only 31, he would be assured of a similar role in a Clinton White

House. While at Oxford Mr Clinton also met a visitor from Yale

called Robert Shearer, now a leftish Californian economist and another economic adviser likely to get a senior White House job. For weeks a transition team

has been beavering away quietly at Mr Clinton's Little Rock headquarters. Fighting off a deluge of unsolicited resumes, it has prepared lists of possible appointees to place on the Arkansas governor's desk the morning after his election.

The contents are America's best-kept secret, but with just 11 days left till the election the speculation is mounting

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As Major climbs the first peak, he finds more mountains ranged ahead

Economy sets the toughest challenge for cabinet

■ The Major government is no longer in intensive care but it still faces several big tests of its political health

By PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major has stopped the haemorrhaging this week, but his government is still a long, long way from recovery. It is too soon even to say that convalescence has started. The government faces several searching tests of its authority over the next few months.

Nothing of substance has changed this week. Key decisions have still to be taken on the economy, or have been deferred in the case of pit closures. This issue will rumble on until the new year when the government will have to make its case all over again if it wants to press ahead with the

What Mr Major has done has been to assert his leadership and to show that the government is responding to public concerns. He has of-iered Tory MPs a new growth strategy. But the shift has so far been mainly of language. During another robust performance in prime minister's questions yesterday, Mr Mafor was careful to stress that no action would imperil the published inflation objectives. That leaves open what the new economic policy will mean in

The economy remains the main hurdle facing the gov-ernment. The fall in the pound and lower interest rates should work through next Meanwhile, further waves of redundancies will ensure that MPs remain

The first immediate headache will be the autumn from Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, on November 12. Senior ministers are emphasising how to be to keep the total below £244.5 billion, even if there is likely to be an off-budget loophole for privately financed

infrastructure projects. There will no doubt be loud protests about changes in some non-pledged social security benefits, in training budgets and about cuts in defence spending. Mr Lamont will hope to offset the pain both by presenting the measures as a recovery package and by pointing to lower interest rates. The main challenge is likely to arise over the 0 to 2 per cent limit on rises in public sector pay bills, a virtual freeze for many groups. Ministers accept that this may mean strikes and disruption in the public sector on a scale not seen for a decade.

However, the cabinet's retreat over pit closures has weakened its authority to face such confrontations. The government no longer looks indefeat of the miners' strike in 1985. Its will is in question.

A floating system of exchange rates may test the government's resolve if the pound falls sharply. At present, there is a truce within the government over returnto the exchange-rate mechanism but the differences between the pro-ERM major-ity and the anti-ERM minority have only been deferred.

The switch from the poll tax

to the council tax next April is certain to mean an avalanche of complaints about the working of the banding system and the level of tax payable. Bad headlines for the government are also likely from the introduction of the new system of community care next spring.

In the Commons, the govemment's majorities of 13 and 15 at the end of the coal debate have underlined the constraints of an overall majority of 21 — how even if the government is always likely to be win, MPs can extract concessions and keep ministers on their toes in a way impossible since the late

The most dramatic test will come next month with the start of the committee stage of Maastricht bill. While most Tory MPs will support the bill, many are likely to be resentful at the the long drawn-out process.

The dramas at Westminster have distracted attention from the commitment of British troops to safeguard humanitarian aid to Bosnia.

All these hurdles mean that the Tories are likely to remain unpopular in the polls for some time and will probably face a rough time in next May's local elections and in any parliamentary by-



Interest rate cut offers Major the best chance of revival

By Anatole Kaletsky

A BIG cut in interest rates seems by far the likeliest sweetener for the tough pro-gramme on public spending and wages the Chancellor is likely to announce in the Autumn Statement. It would also be the most powerful component in Mr Major's new strategy for growth.

How big the cut will be is a question that only the prime minister can answer. The main implication of the government's new policy direction is that such key decisions will be taken for the moment by Mr Major himself and not by the coterie of Treasury advisers, whose Svengali-like hold over the prime minister seems finally to have been broken by the events of the past week. The most realistic assumption is a cut of two percentage points in bank base rates to 6 er cent announced with the Autumn Statement. That was precisely the tactic employed by Sir Geoffrey Howe to sweeten his tough 1981 Budget, which became the turning

point in the last recession.

■ Despite the gloom, John Major has several trump cards to play in his efforts to restore confidence and morale

After the expectations built up in the past few days, a smaller cut would be seen as a disappointment and might actually undermine confidence among consumers and international investors in sterling. But the bigger cut of three percentage points or more that former supporters of the highinterest ERM regime have suddenly started demanding could be irresponsible.

A two-point cut in base rates, coming on top of the two points already trimmed off, would have enormous benefits. Businesses and consumer borrowers would gain directly from the four-point cut, provided the banks could be persuaded not to increase margins. But the main benefits would be for homeowners. Base mortgage rates would probably be reduced by a further 15 points to 74 per cent. That would be the lowest psychology among home buy - prime ministerial career.

level for 23 years and many homeowners with discounts for large loans or special firsttime buyers' rates could enjoy

the lowest rates on record. Combined with the 12point cut already announced by building societies, the postdevaluation monetary easing would reduce the payments on a £50,000 mortgage by £125 a month or £1,500 a year. To someone on male average earnings of about £20,000 a year, that would be equivalent to a pre-tax pay increase of £2,273 or 11.4 per cent.

Among the other recovery measures the government might be ready to announce on November 12 is some form of additional assistance for the housing market. Building Society chiefs have been telling the Treasury that interest rate cuts may not be enough on

ers. Among their favoured proposals would be a temporary increase in the ceiling on mortgage tax relief, perhaps confined to first-time buyers. In exchange, the lenders would be willing to support the gradual phasing out of relief for existing homeowners.

That would ultimately save the Treasury £5 billion or more a year. If the government decided to phase out mortgage tax relief over five years, the cost to the average homeowner would be only £116 a year or £9.67 a month. That would be almost imperceptible compared with the saving of £1,500 from the cut

in mortgage rates.

With the additional spur of lower interest rates, a competi-tive pound and government infrastructure spending, the nascent economic recovery would probably become visi-ble by mid-winter or early spring. If unemployment began to stabilise and then fall by the summer, Mr Major would be off the hook politically and could look forward to a their own to lift the bearish surprisingly calm — and long

minister is obliged to accept their recommendations unless

there are "clear and compel-

ling reasons" not to do so.

Some ministers now argue

Westminster wallies flock to fool's paradise



The duel between our political leaders is fast ng to resemble those early black and white movie comedies from the Keystone Cops era, in which combat-ants vie with each other for title of Biggest Fool. You remember the sort of thing? Slapstick artist number one would advance on siapstick artist number two, raise his axe above his head, overhal-ance, and fall backwards: whereupon his intended victim would step forward to strike, step on the end of rake, and get whacked in the face. With both prostrate, in finish them off — and falls

down an open manhole. Yesterday at PM's ques-tions, John Smith fell down the manhole. Let me remind you of events leading up to this latest twist in our own saga of Westminster Wallies

Of Paddy Ashdown's exquisitely embarrassing whoopee-cushion, well before the election, let us not speak. Then came Mr Maor's turn to get real egg on his face — after which Mr Kinnock devised his own high-tech custard pies at Sheffield, and walked into

about to say, "John Smith." Mr Smith unveiled his shadow budget and the bucket above the door dropped on

Advantage Major — or so it seemed on April 10. But the Danes let off a surprise stink bomb and President Mitterrand slipped on the soap. Bang went the ERM — an exploding cigar — leaving Mr Major with no

Advantage Smith. So now comes Mr Smith's big moment: his rallying speech at Blackpool. A total bummer. Then Ken Clarke fluffs his lines and Norman Lamont attempts to combine a double somersault with a tight fiscal stance, and splits has

Heseltine laughs up his sleeve and arrives at West-minster, club and loin cloth at the ready. Through the <u>ah-ooh-aah-ooh!"</u> WHAM — misses his vine and whacks straight into a pit prop. Tories panic adantage Labour . .

And so to their leader's hig moment at prime minister's questions. Surveying the government front bench opposite him yesterday, John Smith must have come as close as any politician can to experiencing what a key striker in a football team must experience as he sizes up an open goal, or what a batsman must feel as a long hop bounces towards him. Total horror. The knowledge that everyone is expecting you to score. That's when

you always miss the ball. Someone must have told he Labour leader that, since Mr Major's style is wooden smirkingly smart-elecky litquestion from Smith would most discomfit him.

Well, maybe. But "Given the daily changes in policy we all observed this week, what does he have in mind for his next U-turn?"

just didn't pass muster. Sadly, Mr Smith had a econd unsuccessful joke up his sleeve. "A policy a day keeps the backbenchers at bay? quipped our droll Scot-

Laugh? We hadn't laughed so much since Bob Dunn (C. Dartford) un-veiled, minutes earlier, the government's new weapon "travellers and

He cried: "Unwashed ben-efit-grabbing socialist anar-chists who deserve a good slap and a wash."

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Quail, ravers! Faced with the prospect of being siapped and washed by Mr Dunn, which of us would not scamper home on the double to a mock-Tador semi in Tory Dartford?

Ministers go for bold spending schemes

Continued from page 1 ways of circumventing Treasury accounting rules that have blocked past attempts at private public partnerships.
The disclosures about what one minister called a "pan-Whitehall push" triggered by Mr Major's announcement of a more expansionary economic policy on Tuesday came as the prime minister sought to reassert his authority over his party in the wake of the turnoil of the past month.

Evidently buoyed by the backing he has received from backbenchers and ministers for his changed economic stance, Mr Major made clear that he now feels strong enough to confront the Eurosceptics in his ranks.

The promised debate on the Maastricht Treaty Bill will be held on November 4 and lineby-line scrutiny by MPs will begin before the end of next month, well before the European Community summit in Edinburgh. Mr Major's Tory opponents have threatened "trench warfare" once the bill returns to the Commons and the government will find itself bogged down in weeks of marathon sittings. However, the prime minister will be able to go to the summit secure in the knowledge that he has

honoured his pledge to begin ratification of the treaty.

In the Commons, Mr Major expanded on his decision to make growth and recovery, rather than the conquest of inflation, the beacon of economic policy. Amid Labour taunts that he had embarked on another U-turn, he also emphasised the importance he attaches to salvaging planned capital programmes from the public spending squeeze and to generating new ventures.

The prime minister presented by secondaries chief the secondaries chief.

ed his economic shift as a response to a bleaker economic outlook. Circumstances had "darkened" across Europe and beyond and that had to be reflected in economic policy.
John Smith, the Labour leader, said that confidence in the prime minister was draining away and that he was working on the thesis that "a policy a day keeps backbenchMany trains passed over

rail bomb

The bomb left on a north London railway line was placed under cover of darkness and exploded many hours later after dozens of trains had already passed over it. Scotland Yard believes. The bomb, close to Silver Street station in Edmonton, was the first of three attacks on Wednesday night that included a second bomb on a railway line in north west London.

Detectives were investigating a fourth explosion at a sewage pipe running over the River Lea in east London. There were no injuries and little damage. The explosion was reported just before lam yesterday and at first it was thought the pipe had been damaged by internal pressure.

Police believe the bomb at Silver Street could have been placed before dawn on Wednesday by someone climbing the embankment. Set with a long timer in a bag or small box it might have passed as debris on the track.

Costly wine

Customers who go into restaurants with little idea of what wines cost are likely to be overcharged "on a grand scale," according to the new edition of Egon Ronay's Cellnet Guide to Hotels and Restaurants published yesterday. The largest difference found was for Château Mouton-Rothschild 1961. At the Mirabelle in Mayfair it cost £1,050 a bottle. compared with £350 at Crabwall Manor, a country house hotel just outside

Refugees arrive More than 100 Bosnian women and children rescued by British charity workers on the Croatia/Skovenia border, where they were stranded, arrived at Gatwick Airport

yesterday. Airlift resumes, page 13

Sarah Hogg's children are not young as reported in The Times on October 21. They are 19 and 22. We apologise for the error.

Treaty becomes a personal crusade

By PHILIP WERSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

RATIFICATION of the Maastricht treaty has become personal crusade for the prime minister. He has said enough in private and public recently to leave no doubt that he regards it as an issue of confidence in his leadership.

He has told friends that if people do not trust him on Europe they had better find someone they do trust. It is a question of reality. Mr Major is no Euro-fanatic but he wants Britain to be at the heart of European decision-making where its voice and influence Mr Major is effectively stak-

ing his premiership on getting the bill through; but the signs are that he will not be put to that test. The parliamentary arithmetic is on his side. The Commons second opportunity to debate the princi-

ples of Maastricht will be on Wednesday week; and the bill itself late next month.

Mr Major knows that he cannot get it through without



with 35 Tory MPs, but not

Smith: party supports pro-Maastricht line

the tacit support of Labour. THE government's decision to set a 2 per cent ceiling for John Smith has secured public sector pay, with pay freezes likely for hundreds of overwhelming endorsement for his pro-Maastricht line from the national executive, thousands of workers, could trigger a wave of industrial shadow cabinet and party conference. Labour MPs can action this winter among lowhave no doubt what the party paid groups. line is. Many will rebel, along

The move will be fiercely contested by groups such as nurses, doctors, the police and teachers, with nurses in particular getting widespread public support. Health service ancillary workers, who are most vulnerable to pay freezes, may industrial action.

nurses, doctors, the armed awarded workers more generous rises in return for a nostrike pledge. The prime

well exploit the government's capitulation over the pit closure programme by taking A political dispute is also expected if the cabinet decides to suspend the pay review bodies. These bodies, covering 1.3 million workers including forces, teachers and top civil servants and judges, have

that it would be better to suspend the review bodies to maximise savings on the pay bill and to ensure that all workers share the pain of a virtual pay freeze.

Many Conservative MPs are bracing themselves for cries of ourrage from constituents, possibly worse than the protests after the first poll tax

Wage ceiling may

trigger strikes

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

bills landed on doormats, as councils prepare to let residents see the valuation band allotted to their homes for the purposes of the council tax within the next six weeks. Michael Howard, the environment secretary, is fighting hard in the public spending

round for £2 billion to help ease in the new tax next April. How far he has succeeded will become clear next month when he announces the rate support grant.

Jeering mars royal reconciliation bid

Continued from page 1 and whistles greated the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh as they stepped from their car with Richard von Weizsäcker, the German president. Two eggs were thrown, but fell wide of their target.

Curiosity rather than protest, however, appeared to draw the majority of the crowd in a city whose only visiting foreign dignaturies for the past half century have been a procession of wands. procession of wooden Soviet puppets. Mark Holler, aged 60, a city resident, said: "I lost many relatives in Dresden, but I have come to celebrate, not to protest. These young punks don't know what it's all

about.

aged citizen, craning for a view of the diminutive British visitor in her dark green coat and matching hat, said: "A lot of kids have come here because they want something to protest about. They don't understand Harris; they have no idea of history. All they have ever seen are plaques and

Peter Keiss, another middle-

memorials about the Anglo-American bombing without any mention of what the Soviets did." His companion was less charitable: "The Queen should come here to kneel and pray, like Willy Brandt did at the Warsaw ghetto, instead of just waving Inside, the Kreuzkirche is as

stark as a rough-hewn cave, its walls of bare cement devoid of any richness of decoration. Those who rebuilt it after the war chose to leave it in such a state as a memorial to the terrible night of the fire storms. Nearby is the Frauenkirche, another of the city's great churches, left untouched as a pile of blackened rubble. As the Queen drove past it, peace campaigners held a vigil with lighted can-dles in the hope she would

The Queen, the duke, the

president, and Kurt Bieden-

kopf, minister-president of

Saxony, entered the church to

a thundering organ and the

try. Prince Philip read part of the Beatitudes in German, while Herr Biedenkopf read the remainder in English. Two German priests recited the Coventry Litary of Reconciliation which begins: "All have sinned and fallen short of the giory of God."

choirs of Dresden and Coven-

Delivering a homily in Ger-man, the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, the Bishop of Coventry, said: "This recon-ciliation must not lead to selfsatisfaction with what has been done. Reconciliation is always for today. It calls for the sharing of the gift of forgiving love with others, near and far, beginning in our bitterly con-flict-ridden Europe." Bishop Johannes Hempel, of Dresden, told the congrega-

tion, including the heads of state seated awkwardly on plain, modern chairs at the side of the chancel, that the Anglo-German relationship could help the two halves of his once-divided nation towards reconciliation with each other. However, he sounded a warnmilitant nationalism around, which is not Germany's problem alone". Bishop Barrington-Ward

carried the church's cross made from nails from the bombed roof of Coventry Ca-thedral, and placed it on the altar. The cross normally resides in a side chapel of the Kreuzkirche, and prayers for peace are still said before it

every Friday.

At the end of the 45-minute service, the royal party reemerged into the sunlit square, where the predomi-nantly friendly crowd had been listening over loud-speakers. But The Queen had no chance for sight-seeing. She was whisked straight off to the railway station for a one-hour ride to Leipzig. She visited the city's Nikolaikirche and was mobbed by an excited crowd during a walkabout in the centre. You could have been forgiven for thinking Michael Jackson had come to town.

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The forecast is three million deaths. In parts of Africa they're not complaining about the weather, they're dying from it. In normally

fertile Zimbabwe, the rains did not come, the crops have failed and the livestock has died.

Despite the fact that war and famine in Somalia have made the front page, the crisis there continues. In Somalia, Sudan, Eritrea and Ethiopia 20 million people face starvation.

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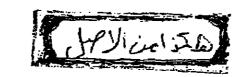
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Drugged child was subjected to 'inhuman and wicked cruelty' after being abducted at funfair

Convicted paedophile jailed for killing and raping boy of 7

A CONVICTED child killer was given two terms of life imprisonment yesterday after admitting the manslaughter and buggery of Mark Tildesley, 7, who disappeared in June 1984 after visiting a fairground near his home at Wokingham, Berkshire,

Leslie Bailey, 39, of Hack-ney, east London, denied murdering the boy, whose body has never been found. The court was told that he was already serving a life sentence for the murder of a boy aged 6 after a homosexual orgy, and a further 15-year term for the manslaughter of a teenage male prostitute.

Mr Justice Hidden, passing sentence at Reading Crown Court, told Bailey that what he and other members of a paedophile ring had inflicted on Mark Tildesley in the hours before his death was "inhuman, wicked and totally harrowing". He said: "Your cruelty to this defenceless little boy just before he died was

absolutely despicable." Bailey, who had earlier been described as a social inadequate of less than average intelligence, stood impassively in the dock as the judge added: "You are a public

FOR eight painful years Lavinia and John Tildesley

have waited for their son to

come home. Even the sentenc-

ing of Leslie Bailey may not

allow them to come to terms

In the years since the couple

found Mark's yellow bicycle

chained to a fence close to a

fairground near their Berk-

shire home, Mrs Tildesley has

kept his bedroom ready for him. She has bought birthday

and Christmas presents and

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boys. The sentence I pass is the only fit penalty in view of the dreadful nature of the crimes." After sentence had been passed. Lavinia Tildesley, the dead boy's mother, spoke of her relief that Bailey had been jailed for life. "I'm glad he is behind bars for ever and cannot ever come out to do this

Mark's body was found. She would never forgive Bailey for what he had done. She was asked if she thought Bailey's sentence was adequate. "They should have hanged him." she replied.

to somebody else's child." She

said that she would not be able to lead a normal life until

John Nutting, for the prose-cution, told the court that on June 30, 1984, Mark had asked his father for permission to visit the fair, promising to be home by 7.30pm. His parents never saw him again.

Earlier that day, Bailey and his lover, Lennie Smith, had driven from London to Wokingham to visit a friend who had a caravan near the fairground. The journey was a prelude to Bailey's induction to the paeodophile ring, Mr

Once at the fairground, Smith left Bailey to find his

Couple still wait for their son

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

kept the stair light on every night because Mark did not

like the dark. She has dreamed of the homecoming

Mark was the baby of the

family. His brother and sister

were adults by the time he was

born and he and his mother

were exceptionally close. Mrs

Tildesley last saw him as she

prepared to go to work, clean-

ing at a local police station on

"Bye, bye mummy. I'll see

June 1, 1984.

Long dream: Mrs Tildesley speaking yesterday

party that will never happen.

Cooke, who was holding a small boy by the hand. He appeared to be dragging back and was unwilling to be led. Mr Nutting said. The men took Mark to Cooke's caravan, where the child was forced to drink drugged milk and then subjected to multiple rape.

Bailey panicked after be-coming worried that Mark's face had turned blue. He was not moving and had stopped breathing. Cooke reassured Bailey that the boy was only sleeping and that he would take the boy home. Mr Nut-ting said. "But in his heart of hearts Bailey knew Mark was

Police investigating Mark's disappearance took hundreds of statements and spent thousands of hours searching for his body. Mr Nutting said: "Mr and Mrs Tildesley endured a terrible ordeal during the extensive nationwide search. But eventually they were forced to reconcile themselves to the awful truth that Mark must be dead. However, why and how he had been killed remained a mystery."

The breakthrough in the case came almost seven years

you when you get back from

work," were the last words she

was to hear him say. She said

later: "You just can't help

thinking it's your fault for letting him out alone. But then

you think, he was always out --

up to the sweet shop or round

to the library . . . and he loved

When police broke the news that Mark was dead Mr and Mrs Tildesley still found it hard to accept. Det Supt Mick

Short of Thames Valley police

said: "It was the most moving MI THOU

looked at me, tears welling in

his eyes. He said 'Can you

show me the body? I said I

couldn't. He said: 'Unless you

can show me the body I will

bring back their child nor find

them a body to grieve over.

"The longer it goes on the less

chance we've got of finding it.

But unless we find that body I

doubt Mrs Tildesley will ever

come to terms with what has

happened," he said.

One of Mr Short's greatest regrets is that he can neither

the fair."

not accept it'."



First victim: Mark Tildesley, left, was one of three boys to be abducted and killed by Leslie Bailey

the police and said that their client wanted to be interviewed about the activities of the paedophile ring. Detectives selected to interview Bailey were given training at Gracewell Clinic in Birmingham which specialises in the treatment of sex offenders. They were taught to draw information from suspects who could be moody, manipulative, and insulting or had deliberately chosen to forget the horrific details of their

He was interviewed for two days in August last year. His statement ran to 600 pages and contained many contra-dictions, Mr Nutting told the court. Bailey took police to the spot where the caravan had been parked but, despite searches with the most sophisticated equipment, Mark's body could not be found.

The court was told of Bailey's record of violent sexual crime after Mark's death. He was jailed for life last year Barry Lewis, a six-year-old raped after being abducted near his home in southeast London. Bailey was already serving a 15-year jail term for the manslaughter of Jason Swift, 14, a rent boy kid-napped by the paedophile

ring.

Det Supt Short said yesterday: "I'm glad he's behind bars. It's nice that he won't come out, because it's not safe if he does. But I feel I failed in that I have not been able to find Mark's body."

Two jailed for roles in plot to murder part-time soldier

By Edward Gorman, ireland correspondent

TWO men from Northern Ireland were yesterday jailed by a Dublin court for 12 years each for their part in the attempted murder by the IRA of a Royal Irish Regiment

soldier last February.

James Hughes, 28, and
Conor O'Neili, 27, both from Dungannon, co. Tyrone but with addresses at Westport in co. Donegal, were convicted of the attempted murder of William Glass, a part-time soldier and council dog warden, at a remote farm near Belleek in co. Fermanagh a few miles from the border.

They were also given concurrent 12-year sentences for having firearms with intent two Kalashnikov rifles, a revolver and ammunition.

Sentencing the men, Mr Justice Robert Barr said he was satisfied they had been intent on at least hijacking Mr Glass's van and had then tried to kill him after he had shot

colleagues. The judge also said that there was no evidence that the two were involved in the shooting at the farm and may have been there as look-outs. But he added: "The armed hijacking of a motor vehicle, in particular a marked official Fermanagh council van, is

and killed one of their

itself a major offence.
"It is well known that the purpose for which they are hijacked is to perpetrate hor-

The judge said in sentencing the men that he was

taking into account their age and that neither had previous convictions. "They have been brought up in Northern Ireland at a

time of much strife and intercommunity tension and vioence there, which may well have had some bearing on the formation of their characters." the judge said. The court was told that Mr

Glass, a part-time corporal in the Old Ulster Defence Regiment was lured into an IRA ambush when he was called out to a remote farm.

During a subsequent gun battle. Mr Glass killed Joseph McManus. a 21-year-old member of the IRA gang and iorced at least three others to flee despite having been shot seven times in the legs.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pavarotti offers BBC money back

Luciano Pavarotti yesterday admitted that he had been wrong to mime to the recorded sound of his voice in a concert that the BBC had assumed would be live.

The opera singer, who was in San Diego, California, for a performance, said: "What we did - once - we did wrong. He added: "If the BBC wants the money back, we'll give the money back."
The BBC said last week that

it had paid to broadcast the two-hour concert from Modena. Italy, on September 27, assuming that Pavaromi would perform live. A spokes-woman said it was trying to get some of its money back. The amount paid was not

Fire deaths fall

Fire deaths fell last year to their lowest for 20 years. mainly due to the use of smoke alarms, the Home Office said. Deaths dropped to 827 from 898 in 1990, but injuries increased by 5 per cent to

Bone baby dies

Jordan Mann, the eight-weekold baby from Haverhill. Leeds, who was given a bone marrow transplant from his sister Charlene, 4, nine days ago, has died.

Church burnt out

Police are investigating the possibility of arson after fire destroyed the largest Mormon church in England, in Huddersfield. West Yorkshire.

Actress loses

A Los Angeles jury has turned down a claim by the actress Tracey Ullman for nearly \$1.5 million in merchandising profits from the television cartoon series The Simpsons. She claimed that the animated characters had originated on her own series.

Westland cuts

Westland is to cut 139 jobs at its Isle of Wight aerospace division due to lower demand from civil aircraft companies.

Run aground

A floating picture gallery on the Cam at Cambridge has closed after 11 years.

Verdict of suicide on £1.5bn heir

By Julia Liewellyn Smith

THE heir to a £1.5 billion business empire died after setting fire to himself, because his Hindu family would not accept his marriage to an Australian, a Westminster inquest was told yesterday, when a suicide verdict was recorded.

Dharam Hinduja, 22, the son of Srichand Hinduja, had fled to Mauritius with his wife Ninotchka Sargon, whom he had married in secret to avoid his family's disapproval. Mr Hinduja, a British citi-

zen, had been due to inherit his father's business empire. based on oil trading, financial services and export ventures. His father, a high-caste Hindu from a devout religious back-ground, could not understand why he wanted to marry the Anglo-Indian Ms Sargon, even after she converted to Hinduism.

The inquest was told that the couple had married in January in London, but had felt unable to live together. Mr Hinduja left his wife in London to work in India but the couple were reunited in May in Mauritius.

They planned to travel to Australia but Mr Hinduja was upset by a local report that his family was coming to Maurinus to find him.

The couple decided to set themselves on fire in a suicide pact but when the moment came. Mrs Hinduja backed out. Her husband tied her to the bed, sprinkled the room with amyl acetate and set it alight but she freed herself.

When Mr Hinduja's family arrived on the island they found their son in hospital They flew him by private jet to London, where he died a few days later of shock due to

Scientist explores Martian challenge

By Nick Nuttall, technology correspondent A 21st century polar expedi-

tion which, unlike the missions of Amundsen and Scott, will be undertaken 450 million miles away from Antarctica's snowy wastes, has been planned by a British scientist. Charles Cockell, a researcher at Oxford University, has

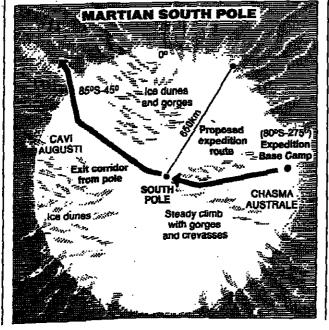
set his sights on conquering the southern pole of Mars. "It is worthwhile for scientific reasons but also as a pure feat of exploration and human endurance," said Mr Cockell, who is joining Nasa next year. "Mars is the only other planet in our solar system with traversable ice caps."

He has identified a 400mile route and, if the team is energetic, a longer trans-polar crossing, from photographs taken by America's Mariner 9 and Viking space probes between 1969 and the mid 1970s. A fast route would be crucial to the success of the venture, offering protection

from freezing Martian winds which can send polar temperatures down to minus

Mr Cockell is proposing to site the expedition's base camp on the edge of the martian ice-sheet, an area of frozen carbon dioxide, water and dust. Here the mouth of Chasma Australe, a canyon, offers sheltered access to the plateau of the planet's south pole. Any journey would be far from easy. After about 185 miles, the carryon climbs and there are hazardous crevasses and gorges. On arriving on the fully exposed plateau, Mr Cockell is proposing a 60-mile dash to survive the icy winds.

Mars would have to be colonised before any assault could take place. America has plans to send men to Mars in 2019. Mr Cockell, who will be researching crop growing on Mars for Nasa, said explorers could live on fruit and beans.



M50 killing case goes to appeal

THE conviction of a man serving life for the killing of Marie Wilkes on the M50 four years ago was referred to the Court of Apeal by the home secretary last night.

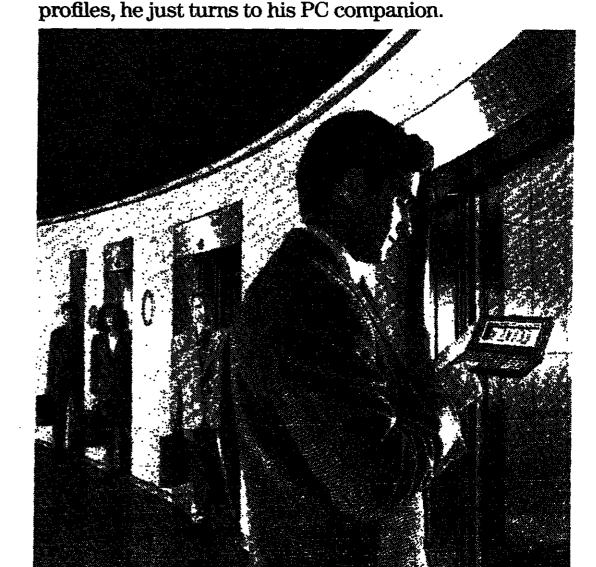
Edward Browning, a night-club bouncer, from Cwm-parc, Mid Glamorgan, is serving life for the murder of Mrs Wilkes, 22, who was seven months pregnant. She was killed after her car broke down on the M50 near Bushley, Hereford and Worcester, in 1988.

Leaving her two young children in the car, she walked along the hard shoulder to call for help from an emergency telephone. She was accosted by a motorist who cut her throat and drove her a few miles up the motorway before throwing her down an embankment to bleed to death. The Home Office said: "The

conviction has been referred on the basis of video-taped material which was not disclosed to the defence before the trial." New evidence emerged in May about a video recording of a key witness, Police Inspector Peter Clarke, which cast doubt on Browning's conviction.

In the video, made partly while he was being interviewed under hypnosis. Mr Clarke contradicted much of the evidence he was later to give in court. The video, which was made before Browning's arrest and retained by West Mercia Police, was never mentioned to prosecution lawyers who prepared the case against Browning. Elements of Browning's case are now being investigated under the supervision of the Police Com-

plaints Authority. The timing of the hearing will be a matter for the Court



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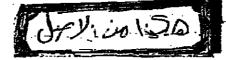
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Asian community condemns Bank of **England over BCCI**

■ Supervision of BCCI degenerated into a "tragedy of errors" which caused particular difficulties for one group of small businessmen, who remain bitter and distrustful

By Michael Horsnell and Julia Llewellyn Smith

THE Asian community was united last night in its condemnation of the Bank of England for its ineptitude in bringing the fraud-riddled Bank of Credit and Commerce International to book

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MBARD

Businessmen and small depositors, reacting to the report of the enquiry chaired by Lord Justice Bingham, said that proper supervision of BCCI might have saved them their money and prevented a busi-

Ajinder Chawla, who 20 years ago established Nova of London, a wholesale clothing

Britain to

woo Kohl

over EFA

BY MICHAEL EVANS

DEFENCE

CORRESPONDENT

The figures, produced after

a three-month study by Britain

and the three other countries

involved in the development

phase, will be used to persuade

Helmut Kohl, the German

chancellor, to back the plane

against the advice of Volker

Herr Rühe said at a Nato defence ministers' meeting in

Scotland on Tuesday that the

promised cost cutting made

er aircraft, he said.

overrule Herr Rühe.

Rühe, his defence minister.

from the project.

business, in the heart of the East End's rag trade around Commercial Road, never had a cheque bounce in all that time. But after BCCI collapsed he spent days explaining his predicament to suppliers when cheques for up to \$50,000 were being returned unpaid and suffered the ignomina of a fragge on some of his miny of a freeze on some of his

supplies of summer clothes. He remembers well July 5, 1991, the day of the collapse because, half an hour before the bank's doors were shut, he paid in over £35,000. Mr Chawla, who employs a dozen

Coalition fights rail sell-off

By Michael Dynes TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to break-up the nat-PROPOSALS to reduce the ional rail network will lead to price of the £22 billion Eurohigher fares and reduced serpean Fighter Aircraft provices, according to a coalition gramme by up to 30 per cent of organisations calling on the government to rethink its rail are seen as the last chance to stop Germany withdrawing privatisation plans.

Sixty organisations, including charities and environmental bodies, have joined the anti-privatisation coalition, Platform, because of fears that the end of British Rail's passenger monopoly could bring a second era of Beeching-style rail cuts. Platform called for legal safeguards to ensure that fare rises were kept below inflation, stations and trains remained safe and accessible for all, and through-ticketing and discount fares were

no difference. The plane should be scrapped and re-☐ InterCity, the national pasmaining cash diverted to the senger network, yesterday stepped in to rescue design of a lighter and cheapcoach Rail a brivate due to decide the future of sector overnight seated service EFA in early December, inbetween Aberdeen and dustry sources said yesterday London, launched in May. that they expected the new Weak demand for overnight cost-cutting figures to be services forced Stagecoach to nogotiate a reduction in the waved at the Germans in the number of seats it leases from hope that Chancellor Kohl will

InterCity. Within the range of EFAs, the Germans could pick the From November, InterCity will re-enter the overnight cheapest version which would seated service between involve cuts of about 30 per Aberdeen and London, a marcent at £36 million. This figure ket it had withdrew from in an effort to cut costs. Stagecoach will, however, offer overnight Glasgow-London seated ser-

haven't words to express my bitterness about the way we have been treated. It's been a mess, I can tell you. The Bank of England should have acted much sooner on the information it got. If we had known what they knew we would have taken the account out of BCCI and put the money with a better bank. The Bank of England should have given a warning to the public."

After his brother and son gave their houses as collateral, security which was not already committed to BCCI, he was able to obtain alternative banking facilities.

In Bradford, Schail Bashir, 31, a company director who lost a "few hundred pounds" in BCCI, said: "I am one of the lucky ones. I didn't lose very much money. Others were not so fortunate and lost much more. The Bank of England acted ineptly and inefficiently in not looking out for dangers as they arose.

"They should have seen it before and acted more quickly. The Americans were asking for action 15 months before and nothing was done. They kept their eyes closed when they should have heeded the warnings."

Musa Vali, who owns DM Fashions off Whitechanel Road, east London, who lost £200,000 in the BCCI crash. said: "If the Bank of England knew, why didn't they inform us? Why don't they care about ordinary people? It wouldn't do them any harm to tell us so why did they make an internal decision not to? I am very, very

angry."
Saeed Ahmed, who owns Cira Cash & Carry, off Commercial Road, said: "They should pay for the damages. it's as simple as that. They must compensate all the people and businesses who iost mor months of hell. I don't know quite how much we lost, our case hasn't gone to court yet."
He added: "We are living

on the edge. We have had to sell properties to pay the bank. So, there has been suffering. If they had warned us we would be in a totally different position. It's difficult to explain the suffering, it has been a

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Collector's items: early 18th century enamelled gold box and tray set; a gold box set with emeralds; and a 13th century "Lakabi" plate

Offer of Islamic treasures splits art world

ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

CONTROVERSY has erupted in the art world over a campaign to persuade the government to house the world's biggest Islamic art collection, said to be worth £1 billion.

The campaign was launched last night after Dr Nasser David Khalili offered to display his collection in Britain if the government would meet the cost of exhibiting it in central London. He threw a launch party at the Foreign Office with Lord Young of Graffham, the former trade and industry secretary, who is chairman of the Nour Foundation that owns the collection.

The controversy surrounds the con-ditions that Dr Khalili is seeking. The current issue of the influential Art Newspaper carries an acerbic leading article under the headline "Why Britain doesn't need a Khalili museum". It says: "His requirements are not modest. He would like a building in the centre of London of 3,500 to 5,000 square metres, acquired, staffed

Britain has a chance to secure a private collection of Islamic art described as the finest in the world. But are there too many strings attached?

and maintained at the expense of the British government. In exchange, he would exhibit his collection there for 15 years, keeping the freedom to exhibit it around the world, and buy and sell from it.

"Between the British Museum and the Victoria & Albert Museum, London already has the finest displays of Middle Eastern art in the world. A far more significant gesture towards Britain's 2.5 million Muslims would be a hefty grant for the proposed Indian museum in Bradford, which the V&A wants to create to display the nation's holdings of Indian art."

Some London dealers and museum curators are querying whether Dr Khalili is motivated mainly by altruism or if there might be an element of vanity or profit. One said: "It may sound cynical, but one way of

looking at this offer is that it would provide a shop window for his collection... possibly more to do with investing than collecting."

Dr Khalili dismisses these criticisms

and says that the reference to buying and selling is nonsense. Lord Young said: "There may well be reasons to exchange things. For the duration of the 15 years we are going to add to the collection." On the other side of the argument is the strongly held view that the collection could become a national asset and that Britain should

not let the opportunity slip.
At present, the collection is stored in warehouses around the world. It consists of some 20,000 pieces chosen to span all Islamic cultural artefacts, including Korans, coins, astrolabes, armour, seals and precious scraps of letters written on papyrus. Dr Khalili Western marker over the past two decades and that the collection is worth £1 billion. "I had a vision and, with God's help, it has been realised," he says in a brochure being circulated

by the PR company Bell Lowe.

Dr Khalili says that his vision is to open the world's eyes to the art of Islam and to persuade "Jews, Christians and Muslims to speak openly to one another and to see clearly the close cultural, social, spiritual and intellec-tual ties that have existed between them for centuries". Dr Khalili and Lord Young say they hope the government will offer to house the collection for 15 years, whereupon a

longer term contract could be struck.
Dr Khalili, 46, is an Iranian Jew
whose father was an art dealer in
Tehran. After becoming an American
citizen, he settled in London in 1980. He has an English wife and three children. From the mid 1970s to the mid 1980s he operated as a dealer in Clifford Street, central London. He says that he made his money in art dealing, property and commodities.

includes production tooling, the flyaway price of the aircraft and a ten-year support vices next month. Theatre audiences ignore recession

By Alison Roberts, arts reporter

ATTENDANCES at some arts events have weathered the recession, but contemporary dance and jazz have suffered falling audiences, according to figures published by the Arts Council yesterday. More than 10 million

people went to the theatre over a two-year period ending in March 1992 and almost as many went to an art gallery. Attendance figures for both were down very slightly on the previous two year period.

Box office sales for opera

and ballet are also holding up, with a shared audience of almost six million people. But jazz attendance was down by 7 per cent and modern dance performances sold 13 per cent lewer tickets. Lord Palumbo, Arts Council

chairman, said that in "troubled and uncertain times" the arts should be more important than ever. "I am an optimist, but my optimism is not blind. The certainties that we seek in these troubled times will be made manifest in the excellence of our artistic life," he said.

The Arts Council has itself



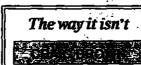
come under fire recently for spending too much on the reorganisation of regional arts funding while artistic companies are tightening their belts. Accounts for the last financial year show that the costs of implementing basic reforms were more than £1.5 million. Charles Morgan. of the National Campaign for Arts, said staff numbers had not been cut as promised in the council's rationalisation programme. Instead, staff costs had increased by 12 per cent since last year.

☐ The European Arts Festival, the six month, £6 million project began in July to celebrate the UK's presidency. of the European Community. has suffered from "confusion over Maastricht" and a lack of interest among the London-based cultural elite. according to John Drum-

mond, its artistic director. Speaking at the launch of the festival's literature programme mid-way through its six-month timetable, Mr Drummond, director of the Proms and former controller of Radio 3, said it had been difficult to feel a sense of celebration" because of political events since July.
While the festival had been

a regional success, it had not been the national triumph originally conceived by John Major, largely due to a lack of support from "people in the Groucho Club who sit and complain about culture".

Mr Drummond said that he was not depressed about the festival's low national profile, but measured success by the number of people who had attended events up and down the country. "Whatever it did, it provided nearly £6 million of new money for the arts," he





THE main character of the Booker Prize winner, Sacred Hunger, is called Matthew Paris, just one "r" away from our own dear Matthew Parris, but, alas, any libel payments will not be large enough to spread around the office. The Paris in the novel is a hero, an opponent of slavery. Sharing one's name with

a fictitious character is not always a happy experience in 1976, the first edition of Piers Paul Read's novel Polonaise was pulped after the real Lord Derwent found out that Read's invented Lord Derwent was a ne'er do well.

Others have become so characters that they have usurped their names for themselves: Cecily Fairfield found success after switching her name to Rebecca West, the heroine in Ibsen's Rosmersholm.

Welshman callled

Tom Woodward changed his name first to Tommy Scott without any change in fortune, but when he changed it again to Tom Jones, the hero of the novel by Henry Fielding, he found himself transformed into a heartthrob.

Tom Jones is not the only one to gain glamour through subliminal association: the grandee who awarded the Booker cheque to the creator of Matthew Paris is called Sir Michael Caine. As everyone knows, the real Michael Caine is in fact Maurice Micklewhite - hardly the name for a hero.



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Tomlinson report on health care

Help patients and GPs 'by shutting London hospitals'

HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE long-awaited Tomlin-son report will say that the capital has too many teaching hospitals, too many specialist units for such services as kidney dialysis and plastic surgery and too many research hospitals. Demand for hospital services would be reduced, it will say, if GP-run services based in local commu-

nities were improved.

The report, the result of a year-long enquiry by Sir Bernard Tomlinson and his three-strong team, will seek to explain why, if London has too many hospitals, there is no room in any of them. It will answer this paradox with another by recommending that the best way to help patients waiting for operations and GPs searching for empty

beds is to close hospitals.

The report will consider how London's health service should be reshaped to meet the demands of a shrinking but ageing population for more "low-tech" community care. It will be the twentieth report published in the last

After months of rumours, Londoners will learn today which teaching hospitals are to be recommended for closure

100 years to identify such problems but unlike the previous 19 it is certain to bring about change because of the effects of the NHS market. Sir Bernard will warn the

government that if his plan is not implemented, hospitals will close as they lose out in the competition for patients. His report was commissioned by

Tomlinson: wants cash switched to GPs

the former health secretary. William Waldegrave, last Oc-tober when it became apparent that the NHS market would have rapid and destructive effects in London because too many hospitals were competing head to head.

The report will chart a way forward for London within the health care market and make a judgment about the capital's health needs. One striking feature is its call for a return to the planning of services, as under the pre-reform NHS, rather than letting the market take its course.

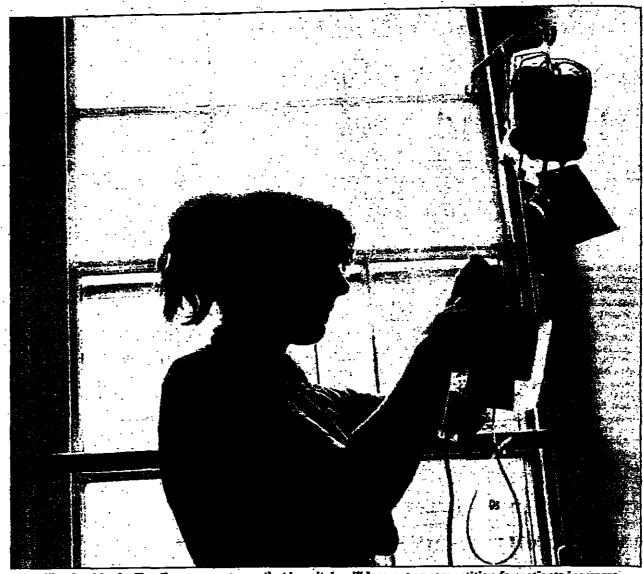
Guy's provides a good example of how a London teaching hospital with an international reputation provides a poor service to its local population. It has 850 beds, 100 for psychiatric services. A further 150 are allocated to such specialties as heart surgery serving the whole region and beyond. Of the 600 beds remaining for general services, just over a third are used by patients from other districts.

That leaves 390 beds for local people of which 90 are permanently blocked by elderly patients awaiting nursing home places. Guy's thus provides only 300 beds for local courts when about half as acute work, about half as many as the average district general hospital, and local GPs complain of the difficul-ties of getting the ordinary sick person into hospital. Sir Bernard will argue that

by closing hospitals, those that survive will run more efficiently. Many have more beds than they can afford to staff and their high overheads are swallowing scarce resources. Cut-ting back on specialist units and merging research depart-ments would free more beds for local patients with ordinary needs. Closing hospitals would release resources to

improve GP services.

The programme of closures and mergers will take years to implement and cost hundreds of millions of pounds but Sir Bernard will emphasise that some decisions must be taken quickly to reduce planning



Ailing health: the Tomlinson report says that hospitals will lose out as competition for patients increases

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Unique centre offers vision for the future

By ALICE THOMSON

THE outside looks like a who has heart problems and petrol station. The inside looks more like a jolly primary school, with pictures on the walls, goldfish tanks in the corridors and people playing the piano. This is the Lambeth community care centre in south London, which should be a model for the Tomlinson report.

It is the only primary care centre of its kind in Britain. Sir Bernard Tombuson spent a day there before making his report. It provides a day service for local people wanting to see occupational theratherapists, physiotherapists, social workers and dentists. It also has an in-patient unit for

non-emergency cases.

John Bradshaw, senior administrator, said: "When they closed down Lambeth hospital in the seventies there was a real hue and cry from local residents. The hospital was considered part of the community and no one wanted to have to go to St Thomas's for routine services. So local people decided to set up their own centre ten years ago.

"The Department of Health refused to finance the project. so it was funded by the innercity partnership. After a year, the local health authority were so impressed they took it on board."

The centre is operated on a GP referral basis. There are 14 practices within a mile and 48 GPs who refer patients. Once the patients are re-ferred, the GPs must agree to provide 24-hour cover in case

of emergencies.

There are 20 residential beds and a day unit for up to 15 people. The centre has 7,000 patients and sees 1.000

new ones each year. The three categories of residential patients admitted are acute medical cases such as strokes and chest infections; terminal cases such as Aids and cancer patients; and respite cases - home-bound patients who come for a couple of weeks to give their their carers a rest.

Dorothy Vandenburg, 80,

Sne Greenway, a senior norse, said: "It answers a real need and frees hospital beds for more acute cases." Downstairs in the day room, Phoebe, 75, said: "I

is diabetic, is staying at the

on holiday. She said yester-

day: "I was in a hospital last time and they wouldn't let me out of bed. Here we get

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come here once a week for freatments. It's something to look forward to. I see friends and have a decent meal." iotherapist said: The pa-



Informal care: John Allen, 80, at the centre

tients are more relaxed here because they see the same faces each time they come. We have a waiting time of ten minutes and the atmosphere is much less frightening than a hospital. If they tell me that their back is stiff because they are worried about affording their council tax, I can immediately refer them to the next door room to see the social

Residential patients stay an average of two weeks. The centre has no psychiatric, casualty or paediatric facilities and no in-house GP. Patients are looked after by a

team of 19 nursing staff.
Mr Bradshaw said: "We have no high technical costs and no resident medical staff so it is much cheaper than a hospital. The only drawback is

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Snaresbrook Crown Court,

east London, on a date to be fixed. They have been in

Mr Justice McPherson, granting the men leave to

apply for judicial review, said:

it is a matter on which there

is an arguable case." He ordered the case should be

heard as soon as possible, but

said that there should be no

delay in the criminal trial of

Afterwards, David Lloyd-

Roberts, solicitor for Mr Lees

and his son, said the case was one of general importance to people being held in custody

pending committal proceed-ings. "It is clear that the intention of Parliament, that

custody since June 22.

Lord Chancellor's proposals for fixed fees are ill-judged, solicitors' leader says

Law Society tells Mackay to think again on legal aid

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE president of the Law Society yesterday described proposals for fixed fees for legal aid work as "ill judged, ill planned and ill structured". Forty-eight hours before the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, gives a keynote speech on legal aid to solicitors at their annual conference in Birmingham, Mark Sheldon urged him "in the name of one profession to think again".

If the Lord Chancellor's "crudely structured proposals" were not intended to be a costcutting exercise, Mr Sheldon asked, "why is the Lord Chancellor so desperately keen to introduce this scheme so soon?" He called on Lord Mackay to await the report of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in nine months' time rather than implement the proposals by the

end of this year.
The commission would recommend fundamental changes in the way that defence lawyers worked and these

Demands for end to secrecy

A RADICAL overhaul of the legal system was demanded by Lord Alexander of Weedon, a former chairman of the Bar and now chairman of the law reform group Justice (Frances Gibb writes).

"We cannot as a society, whether from private or public funds, afford our current legal system," he told the conference. The public was "increasingly disenchanted" and wanted change.

"This calls for us to move as far as we can away from the predominantly adversarial, formalised structures towards the co-operative, conciliatory

He called for a "cards on the table" approach, with defendants required to reveal in advance any defence they intended to argue at trial. Defendants should also have to give advance warning if they intended to challenge an admission as fabricated, Lord

Alexander said. Such reforms would improve the chances of revealing the truth, would be fair to the accused and the public and would shorten trials.

Mr Sheldon also urged Lord Mackay to study the society's alternative proposals, which he said would encourage practitioners to work efficiently, without threatening the standard of service to the accused. Lord Mackay's own consultant had said that such a

scheme was preferable.

Mr Sheldon asked whether
it was right, "when concern
about the integrity of the
criminal process has never been greater", to introduce the standard (fixed) fees scheme which could compromise the fair administration of justice".
Pinpointing the "injustice" of the proposals, Mr Sheldon said that Lord Mackay was not prepared to link future rises in pay rates to the increasing time needed to prepare defences. The number of adjourn-

ments might grow and the volume of documentary or crease but fees paid to defence solicitors would not reflect that. "Is it any wonder that criminal legal aid practitio-ners feel increasingly bitter and disillusioned?" The profession was in danger of becoming a profession for the rich because of the lack of funds for students wanting to train for the law.

Mr Sheldon, who is to put his concerns to Nigel Forman, the education minister, next week, said that the collapse of the grants system was threat-ening to narrow the base from which the profession is drawn. Students were having to mortgage their future income for years ahead by taking out larger loans. "A profession committed to serving the community must ensure that its members can be drawn from the whole community, not just a narrow and privileged stra-

tum of society."

The student grant scheme had ensured that training to be a solicitor was not only for the rich. But the withdrawal of subsidy from course fees, the grants and the "virtual collapse" of discretionary awards now threatened the broad base of the profession.

The education department approved grants and subsiprofessional training for doctors and architects, so "why not for lawyers?" Mr Sheldon asked. The Legal Aid Board should offer financial help to trainees in legal aid work.

Exhausted Spassky wins plea for a rest

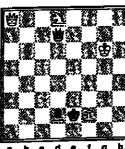
By Raymond Keene, chess correspondent

BOBBY Fischer failed to press home his advantage in the 23rd game of his chess championship match against Boris Spassky in Belgrade on Wednesday night. A draw was agreed after eight hours and the match has been postponed until tomorrow after Spassky pleaded exhaustion.

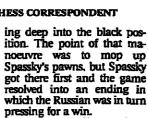
Fischer leads by eight wins to four, with eleven draws. He needs two more wins to clinch the \$3.35 million prize.

The 23rd game, with Fi-scher playing white, initially developed in his favour. The opening continued their series of Sicilian defences. By the 21st move, Fischer had established his pieces in the heart of Spassky's position and this pressure resulted on the 36th move in the win of a pawn. Spassky fought hard and, when Fischer erroneously decided to return the pawn, Spassky must have believed, with justification, that he had done enough to earn a draw against the former world champion.

It was at this point that Fischer revealed what a determined mental warrior he is. Rather than acquiescing in the draw, he inaugurated a risky -some might say foolhardy march, with his king penetrat-



The final position



Doubtless suffering from the effects of exhaustion after the eight-hour marathon, with no pause for adjournment. Spassky, 55, committed a mistake on his 64th move that allowed Fischer to remove his last pawn. With its disappearance went Spassky's final

chances of winning.

The match had been due to resume last night but Spassky obtained a doctor's certificate enabling him to put off the 24th game for a day.



Conflicting views: Lord Mackay of Clashfern, left, and Mark Sheldon, president of the Law Society

Lawyer attacks CPS over custody rules

By Our Legal Correspondent

A FATHER and son are men are due to appear at mounting a legal challenge after being held in custody for more than the statutory 70 days before being committed

They claim that the Crown Prosecution Service abused the custody time limits by changing the charges after they had been held for 60 days. Mr Justice McPherson granted them leave to appeal to the High Court against a magistrates decision to allow a second time limit to start.

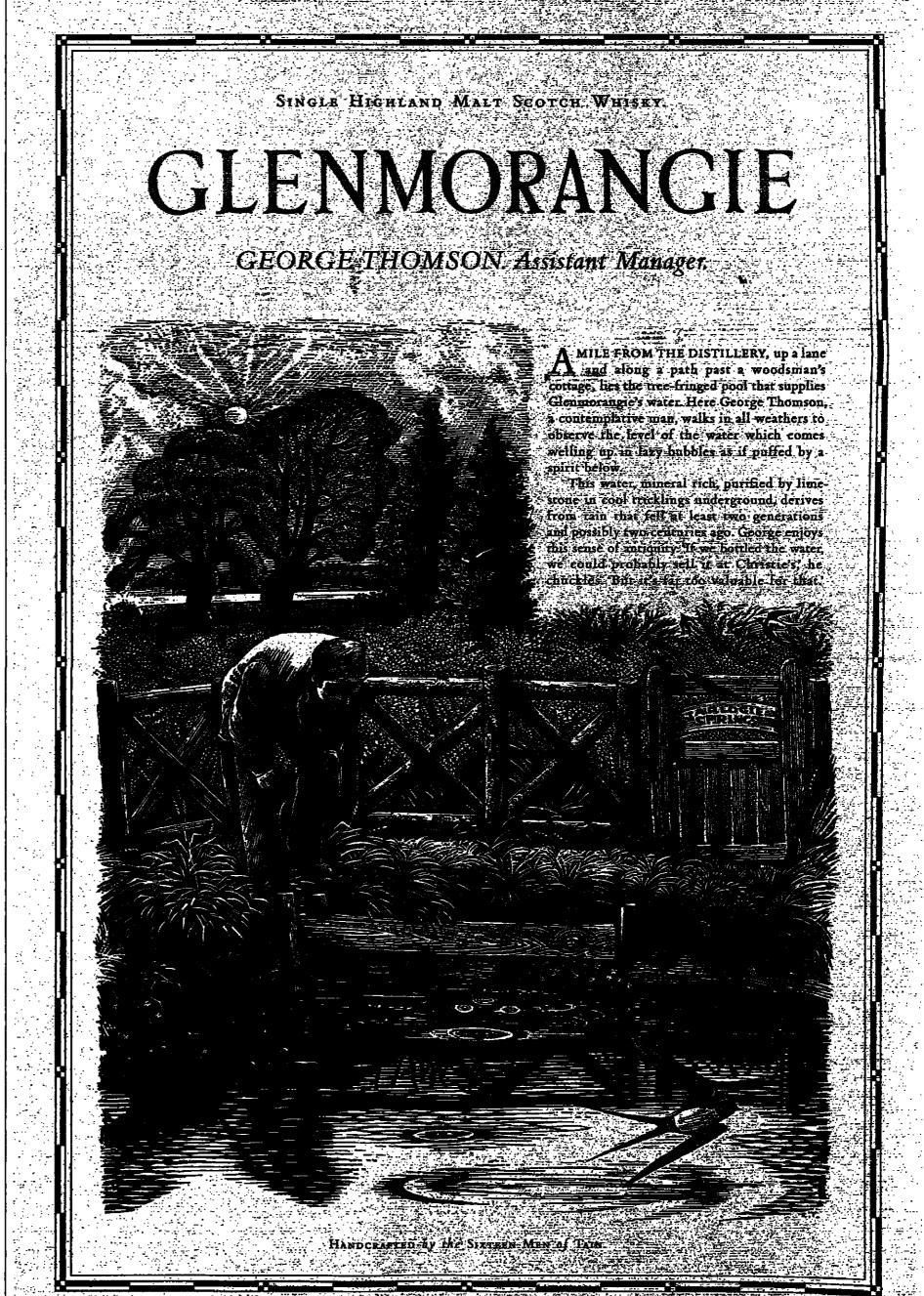
Neil Guest, counsel for Waynus Lee, 45, and his son. Wayne, 22, of Chingford, Essex, told the judge that after they had been held for 60 days pending committal for at-tempted murder, the charge was changed to one of causing grievous bodily harm. The prosecution had then decided that a new 70-day period began in which it could bring committal proceedings and keep the men in custody. Waltham Forest magistrates allowed the new 70-day limit. Mr Guest said that was an abuse of the process. The prosecution had misused and manipulated the rules.

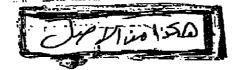
Committal proceedings

have since taken place, and the

70 days is the limit, is being thwarted. Devices such as changing the charge should not be used in this way to circumvent the intention of Parliament."

The Crown Prosecution Ser vice strongly denies that charges were reduced to circumvent the custody time limits. It said that prosecutors needed more time because the defendants opted for an "old-







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MPs to hold independent review of energy policy

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

A TEAM of MPs began an hearings, the Commons trade investigation yesterday into the government's energy policy, including the pit closure programme, to run parallel with the review to be carried out by Michael Heseltine, president of the board of trade. As the Conservative whips

were celebrating their victory in Wednesday night's Com-mons vote, John Major told MPs that he could not give a guarantee that, during the 90day period for consultations, coal mining would continue in the ten pits most at risk.

He said during prime min-ister's question time: "It is necessary and it will be the case that those pits will be in a condition to resume coaling if, at the end of that period, it is determined that that is the decision and they shall do so. But during that period I can give no guarantee that there will be coaling."

Later, when the Labour MP Alan Meale challenged him to guarantee a moratorium on decisions affecting the indus-try. Mr Major said: "I think we have made it clear what happens during the moratorium and the fact that the 21 pils, apart from the 10 where there are special circumstances, will continue in the fashion that was set up clearly yesterday. I cannot and will not give you detailed assertions about matters that lie within the day-to-day manage ment responsibility of British

In a series of televised



Meale: asked Major to

Vote for

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all-party

and industry committee, with six Tory and five Labour MPs, officials, British Coal and electricity generating companies within the next two months and aim to produce a report by the end of January. Mr Heseltine is expected to give evidence next Tuesday and

British Coal next Wednesday.

After a private meeting yesterday, the MPs said that they wanted to build on the work of the former energy committee by taking evidence on the long-term impact on the economy of running down the coal industry. Their terms of reference will be to "consider the consequences of British Coal's pit closure programme for the electricity consumer, the exchequer and the economy,

and to examine alternatives in

terms of energy policy".

The trade and industry de-partment will be required to make an official response to the report, although ministers are not obliged to carry out the recommendations. However, a highly critical report recommending, say, a Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry into energy prices, would be hard for the government to ignore.

against the government on Wednesday said yesterday that they would continue their campaign against the pit clo-sures. Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclestield, said: We lost the vote, won the argument. We live very much to fight another day, there is a lot of principle at stake."

Conservatives who voted

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, admitted that, although the government had won the vote, it had been left very embattled". Winston and an earlier rebel, eventually voted for the government but made clear that his future support depended on the outcome of Mr Heseltine's

BY PAUL WILKINSON

support

BY VOTING against the government in Wednesday night's pit closure debate, Elizabeth Peacock proba-bly ensured that she will keep her seat in the West Yorkshire Tory marginal constituency of Batley and

Certainly the prime min-

ister's decision to punish her by sacking her as parliamentary private sec-retary to the social security minister has won her cross-party support among her constituents.

"It's not just come from her supporters in the party. it's everyone, Labour, SDP, the lot," said Mary Bentley, the MP's agent at her Cleckbeaton offices.

Mrs Peacock, Yorkshire born and renowned for the plain speaking that goes with her birthright, was marked for the dole queue at the general election last April, but held on instead, beating the northern trend against her party to in-crease her small majority by 40 to 1,408.

Her stand against the not born out of necessity for an MP in a mining constituency. Batley and Spens is a textile and light engineering community. although many still re-member the last pit in the area closing after the war. That was long before she stole the scat from Labour in 1983 with a majority of 870. It has increased with

each election. Mrs Bentley said: "Mrs Peacock spoke out for what she believed was right, and her people re-spect her for that Why should their representawhat the public thinks. It's not done Mr Majora lot of

Derelict areas to be given new life

By Nicholas Wood

ENVIRONMENT ministers unveiled their contribution to reviving randown mining villages yesterday by publishing a bill aimed at bringing back into use 150,000 acres of derelict land and buildings across the country.

the Housing and Urban Development Bill setting up a new umbrella body, the urban regeneration agency, would have a role to play in helping areas affected by pit closures.

The agency, headed by Lord
Walker of Worcester, the former cabinet minister who is also co-ordinating Whitehall's efforts to soften the blow of pit closures, will take over the work of English Estates and administer existing grants for

Ministers made clear that

regenerating rundown areas in inner cities and beyond. English Estates was given an extra £85 million on Mon-

day by Michael Hescitine, the president of the board of trade, assist with the mining rescue operation.

The agency will operate like a roving urban development corporation in partnership with firms, attracting private money to bolster public funds. Michael Howard, the environment secretary, is understood to be battling hard in the public spending round to win it enough money to make an

The bill also contains a package of measures aimed at strengthening the rights of council tenants and giving leaseholders the right to buy their freehold at a market price. Mr Howard said that more than 750,000 people lived in flats on long leases. Some two fhirds were dissatisfied with the way their landlords, often remote figures, went about carrying out repairs and maintenance.

The bill gives council ten-ants the right to convert their rents into mortgages



In the open dirty and unshaven, Roy Lynk announces that he may stand for re-election as UDM president

Lynk emerges to announce U-turn

By KATE ALDERSON

DIKIY, tired and limping, Roy Lynk, president of the UDM, emerged from Silverhill colliery yesterday after seven days underground and announced that he may reverse his decision and stand for presidency of the UDM again if he gains sufficient support from his members.

Flanked by UDM officials he was greeted at the pit head by 50 cheering miners. His wife, two daughters and a grandson were among the first to greet him. He said: "I hope what I have done is a success. I think it is if it gives this pit, or any of the other 31,

"I know a leader should be consistent, but I'm under pressure to stand again for resident. I know I have lost the support of some men. I shall have to consider my position very carefully."

Mr Lynk said he believed his stay underground, where he slept on a concrete floor, had won public support. He criticised the NUM: "If they want to march up and down the motorway making protests, let them. If people want to strike and lose redundancy pay, then follow Arthur." Many of Mr Lynk's UDM members marched side by

side with the NUM in London

on Wednesday while he was

some of his members had criticised his protest. Mr Lynk said he understood that miners wanted to go to London to vent grievances and air their frustra-

sitting below ground and

tion. "I praised the men for going to the demonstration, but if I had gone I would just have been another face in the crowd. My protest here was unique." He had asked Mr Scargill to talk to him yester-

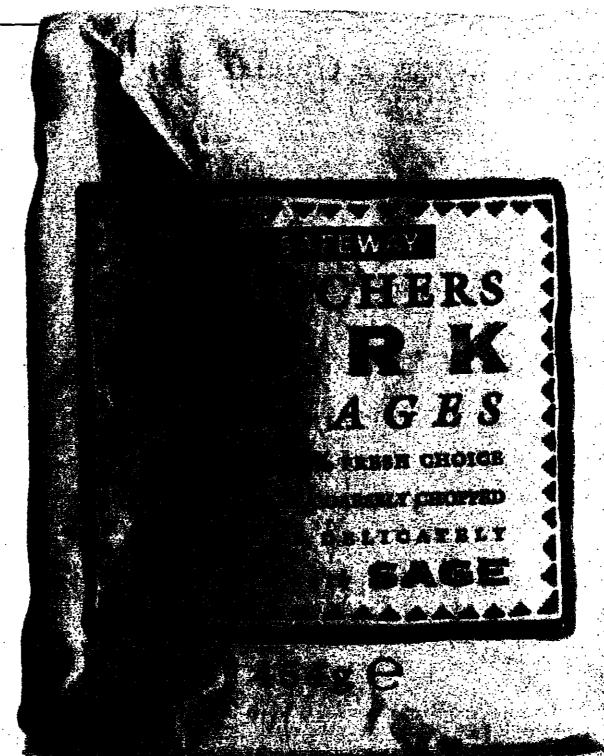
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day, in a two-way radio de bate, but Mr Scargill had declined. "I'm not so sure about building bridges with the NUM, but we could work with them on this occasion." he said.

The government has forgotten that it is voted in by ordinary people. Never mind the political dogma that they learned in Cambridge, they should come into the school of hard life and see what it's

The UDM would continue to press for a fully independent enquiry and a comprehensive national energy policy. Mr Lynk said there were markets for coal that the government had yet

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Government seeks to tighten controls on immigration

Ry RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

VISITORS to Britain and short-term students are to lose their right of appeal against refusal to enter the country in a proposal for a clampdown by the government yesterday. The crackdown on immi-

gration rights was balanced by government concessions on the issue of asylum, which are designed to counter criticism from church leaders and refugee groups.
In a bill published yesterday

the government bowed to critics of its previous proposals to curb bogus asylum-seekers and offered a right of appeal before removal from Britain to all applicants who are refused

In another concession, even those with an unfounded application will have the right of an oral appeal under proposals in the asylum and immi-

The asylum bill aims to streamline decision-making and stop bogus claims

gration appeals bill. The bill reintroduces most of the proposals in the asylum bill, which fell at the end of the last parliament because of the general election. It is intended to accelerate and streamline decision-making in asylum cases and prevent bogus asylum-seekers attempting to enter Britain.

While designed to meet some of the criticism of the previous bill, the proposal to remove visitors' rights of appeal was condemned last night as a racist measure aimed at the black and Asian communities.

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, said the measures were necessary to ensure that race relations in Britain remained good. He said that

race relations in this country were better than most of the developed world in North America and Western Europe, but that tight immigration controls were necessary so that people felt comfortable and that Britain did not admit more people than could be accommodated, putting pres-sure on housing and other

"We are going to face enormous unprecedented pressures over the next decade from the potential for great movements of population throughout Europe and the world. We are willing to accept into our country people who are entitled to settle here and genuine refugees," he said.

Mr Clarke added: "It has never been more important to

Refugee tide forces new curbs

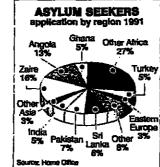
F ew issues have the poten-tial to become as explosive in Europe as the rising number of refugees and illegal immigrants seeking entry into the EC at the easiest point of access, in the south and east.

Britain has few of the pressures of countries such as Germany, where 319,000 refugees applied for asylum in the first nine months of this year - the total for all of 1991 was 250,000. But the government aim is to ensure that difficulties with refugees and immigrants do not fuel the rise of racism.

The number of people seeking refuge in EC states, and fears that economic difficulties in Eastern Europe will cause a rising tide of migrants to the West has increased political pressure on EC goveraments to draw up common rules for handling refugees. With the abolition of border controls due on January 1. 1993, ministers fear that asylum seekers will enter EC states with more relaxed regulations and then, in theory, be able to travel from Lisbon to London without once having to show a passport.

Proposals that could make

By RICHARD FORD



get asylum in EC states have been prepared by an ad hoc group of immigration officials representing the 12 member states of the Community. The proposals, broadcast yesterday on the BBC Radio 4 programme Opinions, suggests that those who fear human rights violations should initially seek redress in their own countries or through regional human rights organisations.

Last year there were 44.743 applications for asylum in Britain, almost ten times the number for 1988. Almost 28,000 of last year's applicants came from Africa. 10,400 from Asia and 3,800 from Europe and America. people from Africa and Asia to about 25 per cent of appli- several years to clear.

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cants meet the UN definition of a refugee -- someone with a well founded fear of persecution - about 60 per cent are

They are given "exceptional leave to remain" for an initial 12 months, which can be extended for a further three years. At the end of the four vears they can apply for their families to join them. n an attempt to curb bogus

Lapplications for asylum, tougher screening measures were introduced. Asylum seekers must now go in per-son to the Home Office's asylum division rather than apply by post. In the first nine months of the year there were an average of 1,795 applications a month compared with 3,730 in 1991. The rule has reduced the opportunities for benefit fraud. Under the old system, it was suspected that individuals completed several forms in different names.

Ministers have responded to criticism by Amnesty International over the average time for processing applications, which can be as long as 14 months, by increasing staff in the asylum division. A backlog

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beyond that and that we do not admit more people than we can support."

Under the bill, asylum seek-

ers have a new right of appeal before an independent ajudicator. The bill gives powers to the authorities to fingerprint asylum-seekers in an attempt curb multi-applications being used for social security fraud. Local councils will no longer have a statutory duty to house asylum applicants while their claims are being considered, but instead will have a duty to provide temporary ac-

The changes to the immigration appeals are expected to effect 11,000 people who apply for visas from British officials overseas to visit Britain. Mr Clarke conceded that the government was giving a right of appeal to asylum seekers but removing it from those seeking to visit Britain for reasons such as short-time study, weddings and funerals. "We are giving the rights of appeal to cases which are of fundamental importance to the future wellbeing and life of the person in question," he

In 1991 there were 10,000 immigration appeals, of which 1.726 were successful.

Claude Moraes, director of the joint council for the welfare of immigrants, said: "This is a most unfair and unjust feature of immigration policy and will be seen as racist by the immigrant community as it effects some of the most basic human activities when people want to attend weddings and funerals."

Last year there were 44,743 applications for asylum in Britain, almost ten times the number for 1988, when 5,000 sought refuge in the

Figures for the first nine months of this year show that 16,200 have applied — an average of 1,795 a month. The drop is explained partially by tougher screening mea-sures introduced last November, since when asylumseekers have had to go in person to the Home Office's asylum division rather than applying by post.

Although on average only about 25 per cent of applicants for asylum meet the United Nations definition of a refuallowed to stay.



Closing the door. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, in Downing Street yesterday

Richard leads peers' race

By SHETLA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TWO former EC commissioners, Lord Richard and Lord Clinton-Davis, emerged yesterday as the front-runners to become the new leader of the

Labour neers. As nominations open for a successor to Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, the favourite is Lord (Ivor) Richard, a heavyweight candidate in every sense of the word, who was marked down as the most likely Lord Chanlast general election.

Lord Richard QC, 60, was a unior defence minister under Harold (now Lord) Wilson before losing his Commons seat in 1974. He became Britain's permanent representative to the UN and then went to Brussels.

The former MP for Hackney, Lord (Stanley) Clinton-Davis also has many fans among the Labour peers. While he may not have the charisma of Lord Richard, he consistently scores points by always doing his homework, and has adapted well to the Lords. He was a junior trade minister in the Callaghan government and had a formidable reputation as an EC environment and transport

However the award of the Grand Cross Order of Leopold II for services to EC will not endear him to the small but solid faction of Euro-sceptics on Labour's benches.

The present deputy leader, Lord (Charles) Williams, has told colleagues he will also put his name forward this week. A former city banker who is probably the most formidable performer on Labour's front bench in the upper House, he should, by rights, be the favourite. However, his prosing preference among Labour peers to pick an ex-MP and also by his links with the late Robert Maxwell when he was

an non-executive director of Mirror Group Newspapers. Lord Williams, 59, was



Richard: a frontrunner in Labour election

chairman of the Price Commission in the late 1970s before becoming managing director of the merchant bankers Henry Ansbacher & Co.

Nominations close on Thursday when peers will have a week to vote. If no one has an overall majority a second ballot will be held between the two highest scorers. Labour peers will also vote for a new deputy as Loro on the leadership contest. Front-runners are Lord (Andrew) McIntosh of Haringey, Lady Turner of Camden and Lord Carter.

Lord Cledwyn, 76, regarded on all sides as the doyen of the Lords, has clocked up more than 40 years in Parliament. A close friend of the Kinnocks, he was an agriculture minister and Weish secretary in former Labour governments.

Since becoming Labour leader in the Lords in 1982, he has focused on offsetting Labour's built-in numerical disadvantage in the upper House by bringing in "working" peers with impressive records outside Parliament to help revise legislation. As a result the government has been defeated more than 100 times during his tenure and. on many more occasions, has been forced to rethink.



Nation's health improves

The government's efforts to improve the health of the nation are bearing fruit, according to Virginia. Bottomley, the health secretary. "Since this government came to power the health of the whole population has im-proved, she said. Some health regions had al-ready reached the new

dren, she said. Efforts would be intensified to reduce smoking. Doctors and others should put pressure on parents so that they did not encourage their child-ren to smoke. They also had to tackle peer-group pressure on children to take up smoking.

Price was a key factor. a 10 per cent price rise resulted in a 3 to 6 percent fall in consumption. The government was committed to raising tobacco duty in line with

A slap for travellers

New Age travellers are 'unwashed, benefitgrabbing, socialist anarchists who deserve a good slap", Robert Dunn, Tory M.P for Dantiord, said at ourstion time, when calling for action. Charles Wardle, a Home Office minister, replied that parts of the Public Order Act were being reviewed to tackle gatherings of travellers and "ravers".

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The health department has launched a "keep warm keep well" campaign to help elderly people withstand the rigours of the approaching winter. One million copies of a new booklet have been printed giving advice on how to how to keep the home warm

Police post

John Cartwright, the former Labour and SDP MP for Woolwich, is to join the Police Complaints Authority from next week. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, announced in a written reply.

IRA defied

IRA bombers have no chance of succeeding in their aims - "not now, not tomorrow, not ever", the prime minister said at question time.

In Parliament Commons (9.30): Debate on the policing of

Four vie for Gould post

FOUR Labour frontbenchers are now vying to get the place on the shadow cabinet left by Bryan Gould, the shadow heritage secretary, who resigned over Maastricht on the we of the party conference (Jill

Sherman writes). Ballot papers were sent out last night. George Robertson, Ron Da-vies, Clare Short and Tony Banks have all been nominated for the vacancy, which will be subject to an exhaustive ballot. Mr Robertson and Mr Davies are the clear favourites Mr Robertson, shadow

spokesman on Europe is thought to be John Smith's preferred candidate. He is also likely to benefit from being the only candidate on the right of

the party. Ron Davies, the shadow agriculture spokesman, was runner-up in the shadow cabinet elections last July with 89 votes and theoretically has the best chance. He is loyal to the leadership but is regarded as a bit of a free thinker. Mr Smith has made clear

that there is no guarantee the victor will become heritage



PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK

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The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:

Monday: bankruptcy (Scot-land) bill, remaining stages. Tuesday: Timetable motion on and conclusion of remaining stages of the Cardiff bay barrage bill Wednesday: Debates on pub-

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Friday: Debate on sport The main business in the House of Lords is expected to

Monday: Sea fish (conserva-tion) hill, second reading. Tuesday: Judicial pensions and retirement bill, report.

Wednesday: Debate on care in the community. Thursday: Conclusion of the report stage of the jud-icial pensions and retirement

Bill seeks to create 'guard dog' for press

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

READERS will get the statu-tory right to take newspapers to the high court over inaccurate reporting if edi-tors refuse to publish correc-tions, should a private member's bill promoted by the Labour MP Clive Soley become law. Under the bill, published yesterday, editors ould be found in contempt of court if they failed to correct factual errors after an arbitration process conducted by a new and more powerful statutory press

The freedom and responsibility of the press bill, to be given its second reading in the Commons on January 29. would abolish the Press

Complaints Commission in favour of an independent press authority, which would set higher ethical standards of newspaper reporting.
Mr Soley said the authority would also act as a

staunch defender of press freedom. "What we need is a tenacious guard dog not a toothless watchdog." Seeking to reassure jour-

nalists and editors opposed to new government controls on newspapers, Mr Soley said: "I believe the press has nothing to fear from my bill, and much to gain. The circulation war between national newspapers has sent journalistic standards turnng, and further damaged public attitudes to the press.

correction between themselves, an independent press authority complaints adviser would be able to intervene, he said. If the authority found in favour of the com-"Journalists will earn dainant and an editor regreater respect if more attenfused to publish a correction.

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the authority may refer the case to the high court.

The bill makes no refertion is paid to accuracy and the correction of errors. And the press will earn the sup-port it deserves to fulfil its ence to invasion of privacy. but Mr Soley said the authority would have a democratic role as guardian of the public interest," the MP for Hammersmith said. Launching his bill, Mr oley said it would "prothan the current editor's He said he had received mote the highest standards

15 letters of support from Tory MPs and knew of no Labour MPs who opposed it. It will be debated in the Commons shortly after Sir. David Calcutt QC, appointed by the government to assess the effectiveness of newspaper self-regulation. reports his findings Supporters of the bill have

arranged a series of public

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Africans bomb rebels to stop attack on Liberian capital

By Sam Kiley, africa correspondent, and Our Foreign Staff

WEST African peacekeepers in Liberia used air and sea to Libera used air and sea bombardments yesterday to stop an littack on Monrovia, the capital, by Charles Taylor's rebel fores as thousands of refugees led the fighting into the centre of the city. Neither side was abserving a ceasefire side was observing a ceasefire called for by West African presidents in a special meeting on Liberia this week.

The 7,000 man West African force that controls Monrovia and surounding areas pounded territory held by Mr Taylor's grerrillas with 105mm shils. The rebels, protected from a frontal assault by mashes and forests, replied with small-arms fire and commado raids into the

Prince Jonson, Mr Taylor's forme ally, fled the assault and ave himself up to the seven-ntion force which, some aid dicials said, had summarily accuted four un-armed civilans on suspicion of being nembers of Mr Taylor's lational Patriotic Front of Lieria (NFPL). The spread of sch killings, which have bea commonplace among the various groups fighting fecontrol of Liberia. reflects then trations of the West Africa force, which has been regurly attacked since it was sent t Liberia in Novem-

Witness said that the Nigerian aliorce had used MiG planes tobomb Mr Taylor's positionsincluding the CaldMALI

well camp, which was Mr Johnson's base and has been besieged by Mr Taylor's men for the past three days. They also said that a Nigerian frigate had fired on the rebels.

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Last week, the peace talks stalled as Mr Taylor began his assault on Monrovia and Mr Johnson accused the NPFL of plotting to assassinate him. At least 60 aid workers have been evacuated from Monrovia and the US embassy yesterday evacuated non-essential staff and relatives to Ivory Coast. At least 20,000 people have

been killed in the Liberian civil war, which started in December 1989 when Mr Taylor tried to overthrow President Doe. Another 40,000 people have died of starvation in the country, 90 per cent of which is now controlled by Mr Taylor's forces.

It is difficult to estimate Mr Taylor's strength. He is believed to have more than 10,000 fighters, although many are untrained. Mr Johnson belonged to Mr Taylor's rebel forces in 1989, but the two men solit soon afterwards and Mr Johnson's faction was the first to fight its way into the capital in 1990. Mr Johnson subsequently captured Doe and tortured

him to death. The two men have been struggling for control of the country, which was established by freed black American slaves, ever since. In addition, the remnants of Doe's army and the United Liberation Movement of Liberia, originally formed by Doe

supporters, remains active.
The latest surge in the conflict look certain to scupper attempts to bring peace to Liberia with democratic elections supervised by Amos Sawyer, the interim president. Aid workers in Monrovia said that civilians walked into the city during a hull in yesterday's fighting, seeking the protec-tion of the United Nations. which is already harbouring

5,000 refugees The West African force known as Ecomog, imposed a dawn-to-dusk curiew on Monrovia. In Sierra Leone, there were reports that the Nigerian government, which has been funding the Ecomog operation, was preparing to send reinforcements to stop Mr Taylor from capturing the

This looks like a last-ditch attempt to take Monrovia as Taylor becomes more and more paranoid," a Western

than 300 reinforcements and ammunition for the multinational force since Saturday. Other countries contributing troops to the force sent to pacify Liberia are Ghana, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Guin-ea, Senegal and Mali.

Last week Mr Taylor accused Western aid agencies and embassies of consorting with his enemies, but his foreign spokesman said that the NPFL would surrender its weapons if Ecomog were "reconstituted". He also accused the foreign troops of fostering another rebel group to rival his own troops, an accusation Ecomog denies - although it has been ready to meet force with force in keeping Liberia's

expert on Liberia said.

Nigeria has flown in more

This week's fighting, in which at least four Senegalese and 12 Nigerian peacekeeping soldiers have died, is likely to strengthen the resolve of the West African community in its plans to blockade Liberia if Mr Taylor's forces continue to fight. However, the side-effects of sanctions could be disas-trous for the 100,000 refugees the UN estimates have flooded into the centre of the capital. Aid workers have already said that Monrovia faces a severe water shortage and it will soon run short of food if the work of the port, which is heavily guarded by peacekeeping

Death rate soars in starving Somalia

FROM AIDAN HARTLEY IN BARDERE

HORRIFIC scenes greeted relief workers returning to this famine hit southern Somali town which they fled last week as rival militias fought for control.

The death rate had soared since aid workers left and most of the skeleton-like figures starving in the streets seemed too weak to notice as they walked back into the

hospital.
"It is too late for them," said Carl Howorth, of the American agency Care, pointing at two children squatting outside the door to one of the hospital buildings. Deaths from starvation which two weeks ago had dropped to 20 a day, have shot up to at least 70 a day since the aid workers left.

The United Nations made tentative plans to airlift in nine tonnes of food yesterday, five days after the first UN staff flew in to discuss resuming operations with the clan militias that captured the town last week.

Care and other agencies were feeding 211,000 people in the region before the fighting, including 40,000 in the town. But more than half Bardere's population fled to the bush



Silent suffering: a starving child in Bardere

when the battle began. Care staff said a vast area of southern Somalia had effectively been cut off from outside help by the clan feuding. In addition, senior UN officials say that General

Muhammad Farrah Aidid, one of several feuding clan leaders holding sway in the country, is preventing 500 UN troops being deployed to stop gunmen plundering food aid. (Reuter)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parliament stormed in Togo

Lome: Legislators, including three ministers, taken hostage by angry troops in the Togolese parliament building said they would meet the soldiers' demands to release cash paid to the former ruling party for more than 20 years.

Three short bursts of machinegun fire were heard when the troops stormed the chamber, but no casualties were reported. (Reuter/AFP)

Family funeral

Lusaka: The jailed wife and exiled children of Orton Chirwa, Malawi's opposition politician who died in prison where he was held after a revolt against President Banda in 1966, will be allowed to at-tend his funeral in his home town of Nkhata Bay. (AFP)

Troops moved

Harare The withdrawal of 5,000 Zimbabwean troops from Mozambique will go ahead despite a rebel offensive there, the defence ministry said. Renamo rebels reportedly seized four towns since a truce last week. (Reuter)

Aliens return

Lagos: Seven thousand of more than 10,000 Nigerians expelled from Gabon after a swoop on illegal aliens have been returned to Lagos by cargo ship. Some complained of mistreatment. (Reuter)

'Bogus' voters taint **Ghana elections**

BDAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

ALTHUGH it is ten years since Ight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlirs had three high court judgesımmarily shot within days taking power, the atmostere of paranoia and loathir has changed little as Ghan approaches presidential at general elections.

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sion expected to go to Accra. Oposition politicians in exile y that the electoral rolls are completely bogus" and Fit t Rawlings has not discusd the ground rules for poling in a country where his

Te electoral rolls are 30 to 40per cent larger than they shald be, the boards of the leaing newspapers and televion companies in Ghana we recently appointed by Flt Likawlings, while his private anies of gunmen roam the cantry. Some politicians living abroad have not been gren passports to return and ontest the presidential electons on November 3. General ections will take place in December.

A new twist came yesterday when a court case was brought in Accra alleging that the presdent is not a Ghanaian citizen since his mother was Togolese and his father Scottish. The man thought to be his father say: he merely took care of Flt Lt Rawlings's mother during her pregnancy.

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Little has been done since a report on the electoral rolls was submitted last June. With an official population of 15.5 million, Ghana boasts an electoral roll of 8.4 million. but the true figure would be about two million fewer had the lists been updated.

In two areas of Brong-Ahafo in the northwest, the number on the lists exceeds the popula-tion, according to J. H. Mensah, chairman of the British branch of the New Patriotic party and the most senior opposition politician who would lead the party were he in a position to do so. His passport application has been

pending for months. The Foreign Office said it had raised the case with the High Commission in London. A spokesman said the electoral irregularities were "widely recognised" but it was felt that things were "moving in the right direction".



Rawlings: citizenship

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Breakdown of Gatt talks sets stage for global trade war

By Nicholas Wood in London and Martin Fletcher in Washington

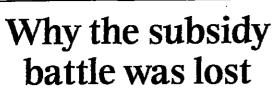
THE world lurched toward a trade war last night as the Gatt talks collapsed. While Amerihome. John Major, who is president of the European Community, sharply criticised remarks by Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, who told French farmers in a letter it would be months before the negotiations could

Mr Major told the Commons: "I cannot disagree more strongly. It is not the view shared by the British government and it is not the view shared by the British government as the presidency of the Community. It is not the view shared by the commissioner and it was not shared by

Britain is angered by France telling its farmers that negotiations on subsidies cannot resume for months

the majority of member states in Birmingham [at the summit last week] who authorised the Commission to negotiate for a settlement by the end of this year." Last night, the prime minister called for an investigation into the reasons for the dispute.

As Mr Major tried to repair the damage, one senior aide



FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

The dashed hopes for a ■ GATT deal followed a now familiar pattern of optimism crushed by a sudden walkout.

For most of the past year. teams of EC and American officials have been on the brink of clinching a compromise over farm subsidies which would permit the 108 states which sub-scribe to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) to write a historic treaty freeing global trade.
The end of six years of horse-trading should boost world trade by between £100 and £150 billion a year. But with no more than a few million tonnes of grain and oilseeds separating them, the weary officials cannot tie up their

In case the talks are resumed, both sides spent yesterday piling pressure and blame on each other. The American team won the soundbite battle by stopping the talks with the claim that the European away from provisional deals which had led to a surge of optimism over last weekend. "Somehow the Commission seemed to decide that they couldn't go any further," said one American official, "They were way back on every single issue that we've ever discussed - even on items that we thought we had

agreed. The EC commissioners initially tangled themselves in an implausible claim that the talks were still under way. Officials then conceded that the talks were more "difficult" and one said that the problems had begun when the Community as a whole had hardened its position at last Friday's EC summit in Birmingham. One French official suggested that the problems started when Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, had reined in the EC negotiators at Birmingham, forcing them to

The negotiators thought that they had made progress. The draft treaty would require the EC to shrink its subsidised food exports by 24 per cent; the EC's position has been that it cannot go beyond 18 per cent. France's grain farmers, the most spectacularly productive exporters in the common agricultural poli-cy, would be the principal losers from an EC

But in exchange for American concessions over exempting other payments to farmers from the Gatt rules, the EC looked ready to settle for a figure of around 22 or 23 per cent. The toughest issue had turned out to be Europe's subsidised oilseed production, which has twice been condemned by Gatt tribunals. America wants Europe to cut its 12 million-tonne annual produc-

tion to 7 million tonnes. not a simple matter of a balanced deal with neutral numbers. American officials clearly believe that the French government suc-ceeded in hardening the EC stance at the last moment. France's government faces a crushing poli defeat.

As the talks reached a climax, its ministers fired a steady barrage of discouragement and threats of obstruction. A deal on the terms rumoured, the farm minister said, would provoke a peasants' revolt. The most persuasive French argument focused on the American electoral calendar. Suppose, French officials suggested, that we go through the political pain of trying to sell this deal: what happens if Bill Clinton becomes president and disowns the deal? As if on cue, Mr Clinton said this week that he would not rubber-stamp any Gatt deal

struck by George Bush.

aid: "There is always the risk of trade wars which could slide into protectionism. This could be a blow to confidence at a time when the world's economy needs one like it needs a

As the Europeans quarrelied the Bush administration was convening a high-level, inter-departmental White House meeting to decide its next steps. The most extreme measure under consideration was the immediate implementation of punitive sanctions on up to \$1 billion of EC exports to America, a move that would almost certainly trigger a full-scale trade war between Europe and the US.

However, the British and German governments sent urgent messages to the White House urging it not to give up on the Gatt talks, which are now technically in suspension. France shrugged off the

American officials thought it more likely that the White House would stop one step short of actual implementation by announcing that the sanctions were imminent un-

less the EC swiftly gave way.
The sanctions would be retaliation against the Com-munity's oilseed subsidy regime, which is a distinct but inseparable part of the wider dispute over EC agricultural subsidies. "There's going to be a meeting and one possible outcome is some kind of retaliation on oilseeds," said a White House source. The feeling here is we have gone as far as we can on making compromises."

The imminence of the US election makes the confrontation immeasurably more complex. Mr Bush has made his championship of free trade a key plank of his platform, one that could be severely undermined by the collapse of the Gan talks. The pressure is on him to get a deal," said one. European source.

But the president could let the talks collapse and portray himself as a staunch defender of American agricultural interests, the Midwest farming states being some of the key electoral battlegrounds. A source at the US agriculture department auestioned whether the Community would dare reciprocate if American sanctions were

implemented. M Damas' comments were an apparent repudiation of the agreement reached at the Birmingham summit where heads of government called for a Gatt deal by the end of the year.

Downing Street sources said the breakdown in the talks stemmed from disagreements over cuts in the volume of EC farm exports to America and the threat of US retaliation over Community subsidy arrangements for \$1 billion of oil seeds exports.

Officials said that Britain very much regretted the suspension of the talks and that it was vital they resumed. The prize at stake was a \$200 billion boost to world output. according to estimates from the Organisation for Econom-Co-operation and Development.



Harvesting the vote: Governor Bill Clinton addressing a rally in Pueblo, Colorado, from a stage decorated with pumpkins and corn sike.

The Clinton camp has been worried by a sharp rise in Ross Peror's standing in the polls after the television debates

dent of the Progressive Policy Institute, which has been ad-

vising the Democrat. "If with

the threat of sanctions we do

not get fair terms, then protec-

tionist pressures will grow."
Whether Mr Clinton could,
or would, resist those pressures

remains to be seen, but his response to the North Ameri-

can Free Trade Agreement

(Nafta) was inauspicious.

Loath to upset organised lab-

our and the industrial Mid-

west, he eventually endorsed Nafta "if, and only if" there

were accords to protect Ameri-

can jobs and the environment.

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Likewise, Mr Clinton would

not automatically agree to any Gatt accord concluded before

his inauguration. "I will have

a free and fair trade policy, a

hard-headed realistic policy,

and not get caught up in

nubber-stamping everything the Bush administration did."

he said in the final televised

Mr Chinton's advisers range

from Wall Street figures such

as Robert Altman and Robert

Rubin, through centrists such

as Robert Reich, a Harvard

lecturer, to Derek Shearer, a

Los Angeles professor with

left-wing tendencies. Most are

free-traders, but some argue that, with the Cold war over,

the US should no longer allow

its political and security con-

cerns to override its economic

interests. If America wanted

Japan to open up its markets, "we have to tell them what we

expect and set a deadline for it

presidential debate,

Clinton aides advised the EC against reaching export pact

warned European diplomats discreetly in recent weeks against concluding an agreement between the Community and America that would have enabled President Bush to announce a Gatt deal on liberalising world trade before the presidential election on

November 3. The envoys were told that a Clinton administration would consider a pre-election resolution of the protracted EC farm subsidies dispute blocking the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade an unfriendly act. sources said.

A Gatt breakthrough would probably have given Mr Bush only a small election boost, but the fact that such warnings were delivered is a measure of how vulnerable Mr Clintor feels on the trade issue.

Mr Bush has seized on trade to emphasise fundamental differences between himself and his opponent. He portrays himself as a visionary freetrader, opening up markets around the world, and Mr Clinton as a protectionist ex-ploiting "the darkest impulses of this uncertain age — fear of the future, fear of the un-

known, fear of foreigners".

That is an election-year distortion, but trading nations do have cause for apprehension about a Clinton presidency. few more so than Britain which is America's largest overseas investor. The immediate worry is his plan to raise \$45 billion (£28 billion) over four years by stopping alleged tax evasion by foreign companies by "transfer pricing": selling products to American subsidiaries at inflated prices

to reduce taxable US profits. Several embassies have complained to Mr Clinton's Leading article, page 17 advisers about this plan. "We are obviously concerned," said In the first of a series of articles examining American election issues, **Martin Fletcher** in Washington looks at why Bill Clinton feels vulnerable over trade and Gatt



Nancy McLernon, director of the Washington-based Organisation for International Investment, which represents nearly 50 predominantly British and European companies.

She denied that much "transfer pricing" took place, and said the Internal Revenue Service estimated the maximum tax loss from it to be \$3. billion a year. The Clinton team had said it would not discriminate against foreign firms, "but to raise that kind of money it would have to". Ms McLernon said

The wider concern is that Mr Clinton is more a "fairtrader" than a "free-trader". He promises a more muscular approach towards tearing down foreign trade barriers, the obvious targets being Ja-pan and the EC. He will be under pressure to retaliate if he does not succeed and that could accelerate a division into rival trading blocs.

"The American people are looking for a tough, results-oriented trade policy, and Bill Clinton will give them one," said Will Marshall, the presi-

Perot's poll boost irks Democrat From Iamee Deltimer in washington AN UNEXPECTED boost in ceded. "Obviously, tilinigher

AN UNEXPECTED boost in popularity for Ross Berot after his forceful performances in the three presidential debates is causing anxiety to Bill Clinton's aides, who are considering turning their guns temporarily away from President Bush to concentrate on dent Bush to concentrate on attacking the independent candidate. Private polis car-ried out for the Clinton Democratic campaign and a television survey released yes-terday suggest that Mr Perot is cutting into the Democrat lead in western states and in the

The full scope of the inroads the Texan billionaire has made in the Democratic vote will not be known until the weekend when a series of completed, but Mr Clinton's strategists agree that his lead over Mr Bush has been cut by 3 or 4 per cent because of Mr Perot's challenge. The sudden shift in the polls has "ended any sense of complacency" in the Arkansas governer's camp, according to a Clinton aide. The ABC television poll

shows that support for Mr Peret has jumped from 11 to 19 per cent, a sign that the Texan has overcome the stigma of being a "quitter" - a description that was fixed to him after his abrupt, and temporary, withdrawal from the race in July. The increase in Mr Perot's popularity has been at the expense of Mr Clinton, whose support fell from 52 to 48 per cent. Mr Bush's backing remained at 29 per cent, a disastrous showing for an incumbent president whose party's base vote is generally calculated at

about 10 per cent higher.

"It's a problem," George Stephanopoulos, the Clinton

to happen", Mr Shearer said. | communications director, con-

he goes, the more takes from us. The China camp believes there is probay little fat left to cat away fin the Bush vote and the now, instead of drawing wenly from both the Repdicans and the Democrats, MPerot attract soft Clinton-illined woters. That dynamic sins to be happening in vetera states such as ColoradoWyoming, Montana and Nada, traditional Republican ritory that Mr Clinton inow touring. In Colorado Mr Perot has jumped fre a single digit poll showing 19 per cent while at the samme Mr Clinton's lead ove Mr gresu

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Bush in the state has een halved from 14 to 7 The surge in the Peropte at this late stage in the elecon is unprecedented for a trdparty candidate. Genelly, they see their support evorate in the final weeks one 🍝 campaign as voters are rsuaded by the other calidates that a third-party vois a wasted vote. Mr Pers robust campaign and a-provement in the polls is prompted forecasts that he ill emulate George Wallace's 3 per cent share of the 198 presidential vote. Only Peat: loyalists are convinced that e can beat the 1912 perfemance of Theodore Rooseve, who took 27.4 per cent of the vote when he ran as a canddate for the Progressive Party

Al Gore, Mr Clinton's run ning-mate, said on television yesterday that Mr Perors newfound support would trail off as polling day draws nearer. "Americans are especially eager not to waste heir vote, not 🙀 🦠 to cast a vote that will not materially affect the outcome of the race," he said.

Emperor's visit evokes bitter memories

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN WANPING, CHINA

way worker who lives near the Marco Polo bridge, remem-bers the night in 1937 when the opening shots were fired in the war between China and Japan, a war that merged into the second world war.

Those memories come flooding back to Mr Liu and many other Chinese today as Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko begin their sixday visit to Peking, Shanghai and the ancient capital of Xian. The symbolism of the visit is powerful: no Japanese monarch has ever visited

Emperor Akihito's late father. Emperor Hirohito, may have dreamed of a triumphant tour as emperor of all planned Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. But this time the communist giant appears to have manocuvred a long-reluctant Tokyo into a position where it has little choice but to meet Chinese requests for the visit. Peking, still isolated by many Western leaders after the Tiananmen Square killings, is keen to be seen hosting foreign visitors.

home in this little walled town ten miles southwest of Peking when a shell hit the house next and my father gathered the family together and we quickly picked up a few household items, then fled, running until we came to a bus stop and took a bus into Peking." Mr Liu, 68, now does part-time work for his local neighbourhood

It was the night of July 7 and as a 13-year-old boy with a lot of curiosity", he had seen tionalist forces and Japanese troops occupying Manchuria. and seeking to provoke an incident enabling them to take

over Peking. Japan had had it all its own way until then, setting up the puppet "Manchukuo" state. But after the clash that became known as the "Marco Polo bridge incident, real war

"One day I saw a company of Japanese troops march up to Wanping town entrance," he said, gestering to a reconstructed town gate just 30 yards away. Two Chinese soliders on guard stopped them at rifle point, then called an officer who drew his sword and told the Japanese they could not enter. On that occasion, they withdrew and



Akihito: expected to express deep regret

thought back: "The Japanese first they took the food, then young girls all had to run away and hide." Chinese citizens, therefore, have mixed eelings about the state visit two decades after Sino-Jananese relations were

Right-wingers in Japan have also voiced disquiet over the imperial visit, demanding that no apology be made for Japanese conduct during the conflict in which 13 million Chinese died. "I saw terrible things then," said an old lady with bound feet as she hobbled through Wanping. "I Mr Liu shook his head as he don't want to think of them."

The Chinese government dropped all compensation ciaims against Japan in 1972, but an estimated 300,000 Chinese are prepared to demand up to £100 billion for wartime atrocities, including forced labour, use of Chinese "comfort women", medical experiments, and the destruction of property.

A non-government Chinese Popular Committee for Japanese Reparations has been formed, and individual Chinese have said they would stage demonstations against the visit. Peking has said there will be none.

Nor would the government expect the emperor, whose father had an ambiguous role in the war, to apologise for Japanese acts against China. Emperor Akihito is expected to express only "deepest regret" for the 1931-1945. occupation.

For his part, Mr Liu wel-comed the imperial visit. "He bears no blame for the war, though one is not sure about his father." Nobody in Wanping was claiming com-pensation, he said. And there is no risk of anything like the Marco Polo bridge incident occuring again. Capitalist reforms since August have resulted in the bridge being fenced off, with foreigners. charged about 40p to cross.

Peking gives Patten lecture on co-operation over Hong Kong

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

QIAN Qichen, China's foreign minister, yesterday lectured Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, telling him that his proposals for democratic change in the British colony were a "challenge to

co-operation".
"We want co-operation rather than confrontation." Mr Qian was quoted as telling Mr Patten, who is visiting China for the first time since taking office. Mr Patten met Mr Qian after being snubbed by Li Peng, the prime minister, who declined to meet him. It was the protocol equivalent of a slap on the wrist, a small but telling sign of China's great displeasure with plans for democracy in Hong Kong. Mr Qian told Mr Patten

that his proposals "run counter to the provisions and spirit of the Joint Declaration", the 1984 agreement between Britain and China on the handover of Hong Kong

As the negotiations concluded. Mr Patten repeated what he had said earlier, that there was "no meeting of minds" on been able to meet Mr Li and . come back to the negotiating

said that while in Peking he had been "treated with unfailing courtesy".

table as quickly as possible, saying "we can't allow stalemate to continue indefinitely". Previous governors have al-ways met the prime minister

as a matter of course, but previous governors have been far more obedient to China's demands. To China's horror, earlier

this month. Mr Patten unveiled proposals for altering elections to Hong Kong's leg-islature, in effect increasing the number of seats which are democratically elected from 20 to 39 out of 60. China immediately said the propos-als were irresponsible and dangerous.
Mr Patten said yesterday

that he would be interested in any alternative proposals. Peking, however, wants no change in the electoral system and is not interested in putting forward counter-proposals. Britain's confrontational stance has won Mr Patten many admirers in Hong Kong, and he maintains that his proposals for political

change have wide support. The big question now is democratisation. He played what happens next. Mr Patten down the fact that he had not urged the Chinese side to Peking, however, as Mr Patten is well aware, is unlikely to make any concessions on something as threatening to democracy.
The standoff on democracy

has also brought Hong Kong's plans for a multibillion dollar airport to a standstill. Peking is withholding its approval until Mr Patten retracts his proposals on the elections. Yesterday Mr Patten gave an indication that he may go it alone. He said that it would be best if Peking agreed to the financing plans. but if that was not forthcom-

ing he would press ahead without it.

☐ Island talks: Mr Li will visit Vietnam later this year for talks on a disputed island chain and other bilateral issues, the foreign ministry announced yesterday. The visit will be the first to Vietnam by a Chinese leader since Chou Enlai visited Hanoi in the early 1970s. Diplomats believed the date, which has still not been announced, will be some time next month. (Reuter)

Rabin warns coalition partners

Jerusalem: Yitzha Rabin, the Israeli prime mnister, has ernment unless thour's two coalition partner the left-wing Meretz pay and the ultra-orthodox Shs religious party half a potentially damaging public fend

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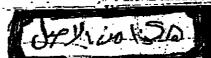
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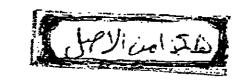
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Serb-Croat partition plan ignored Muslim will to fight



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The omens for peace are not good, with factional leaders changing their tune to suit their new military positions

MARIO Nobilo, an adviser to President Tudjman of Croatia, took out a pencil during an interview in the summer of last year and drew a map of how Croats and Serbs were going to partition Bosnia-Herzegovina. The next day President Tudiman confirmed he had discussed the with Slobodan

Milosevic, Serbia's president.
The interviews caused a storm. First, there were protests from Sarajevo and then denials from Zagreb. But, as Serbs and Croats near com-pletion of the military part of the plan, last year's interviews show that the biggest failure in the Serbo-Croat discussions was that they were never able to agree the boundaries between themselves.
With the fall of the northern

town of Bosanski Brod most of those issues have been resolved by force. The recent FROM TIM JUDAH IN GENEVA

upsurge in fighting between Bosnian Croats and Muslims indicates that the Croats are now concentrating on consolidating the border regions of self-proclaimed "statelet" of Herceg-Bosna. There have been limited clashes between the nominal allies for months. But, as battles with the Serbs die away, the alliance's utility for the Croats also diminishes.

In their increasingly stri-dent language about Islamic extremists, Croat politicians and military men are coming ever closer to mimicking their Serb counterparts. The Croat aim, like the Serb one, is to pen the Muslims into an area of central Bosnia bounded by the cities of Tuzla, Sarajevo and Zenica. For that reason the plan sponsored by the European Community to "cantonise" Bosnia suited the Croats and Serbs. It did not

gains. "They are integrating the political process with the tions official in Geneva said. matter that the Serb and Unfortunately, the omens Croat cantons would not lefor peace are not good. Nikola gally be part of Serbia and Koljevic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said yesterday in Geneva that the Bosnian state Croatia. With the cantons linked economically and mili-

Croats are now making yagua

noises about going along with it, but that may be a tactic to consolidate their territorial

tarily to their "mother states", should hold certain functions de facto partition would have in common, but he added: taken place and legal union could wait. "We have not taken a decision on the central bank and, as Where Serbs and Croats for the army, well, after the miscalculated was in their war that would seem impossible." Before the war, Mr underestimation of the Bosnian Muslim determination to Koljevic, like Mr Nobilo, fight. Faced with the prospect waxed lyrical about the divi-sion of Bosnia-Herzegovina of war without end, intense international pressure and, in and said that he thought the Serbia's case, sanctions, time was ripe for a Union of Croats and Serbs are going Serbian States. The union of four republics would com-prise Serbia and Montenegro through the motions of discussing a compromise constitution being negotiated in Geneva. This is the idea of and the two self-proclaimed Serbian republics in Bosnia "regionalising" Bosnia, but not on exclusively ethnic lines. and Croatia. Yesterday, he said: "This option is still very What is not clear is whether

the "regionalisation" plan will be cantonisation by another name. Serbs and Much now depends on the political stability of all sides. While the link between Za-

leadership is reckoned to be absolutely firm, there is far less unity of purpose among the Muslims and the Serbs. Over the past week there have been consistent rumours of a coup in Sarajevo carried Ganic. Mr Ganic is said to

increasingly impatient with of Haris Silaidzic, the foreign minister, and Alija Izetbegovic, the president. Mr Ganic has denied that the coup stories but. UN officials are worried by the situation.

On the Serb side, Radovan Karadzic, the leader, is clearly favour an all-out military not in control of all of his option and to be growing men. The much trumpered ons under UN supervision failed when many Serb units ignored their orders and the Bosnian side carried on shell-

The final factor in the equation is the stability of Belgrade itself. All eyes are now on the bitter power struggle between Milan Panic, the federal prime minister. his ally, Dobrica Cosic, president of the rump Yugoslavia. and Mr Milosevic. If Mr Milosevic triumphs, chances of a negotiated settlement may take a fatal blow. Mr Panic is allergic to extreme nationalism and war.

Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, the UN and EC peace negotiators, are working in Geneva to end the current and stop them spreading. Not only must the peacemakers deal with the warlords of former Yugoslavia but they must also keep close watch on the security council in New York. With 6,000 UN troops arriving in Bosnia, they must stave off pressure for UN enforcement action that could make the "blue berets'

UN resumes aid flights as Bosnian battles spread

From Dessa Trevisan in belgrade and ADAM LEBOR OUTSIDE NOVI TRAVNIK

THE United Nations resumed its humanitarian airlift to Sarajevo yesterday, but the fighting between Muslims and Croats that had halted the relief operation for one day intensified and spread across Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The first of nine UN relief planes landed at Sarajevo airport shortly after 1pm, resuming the delivery of desper-ately needed food and medicine. The relief operation has been badly disrupted since the Muslims and Croats, who are nominal allies in the war against the Serbs, began fighting each other. It was fierce clashes between the two sides

Jurists link Sicilian politician to Mafia

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

MAGISTRATES investigating the Mafia murder of Salvatore Lima, the most powerful politician in Sicily and faithful "viceroy" of Giulio Andreotti, the former prime minister, described the dead Christian Democrat yesterday as the main link between the Cosa Nostra and the Rome political world.

The report by the anti-Mafia magistrates in Palermo said the ruling echelon of the Cosa Nostra ordered the assassination in Palermo less than a month before the April general election. Lima was eliminated because he was unable to continue his collusion with the Mafia. He also failed to fix the quashing in the highest appeal court, of one of the maxitrials against Mafiosi organised by the murdered Judge Giovanni Falcone, the investigators said.

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Signor Andreotti continued to defend the reputation of his associate, however. "I never found one thing to judge him but I know how much he helped us in the fight against the Mafia in these past years." the veteran politician told state

The report quoted Gaspare Mutolo, a former Cosa Nostra soldier numed supergrass, as saying: "Lima was killed because he was considered the key symbol of that part of the political system which, over many years, had built up a relationship of peaceful coexistence with the Mafia."

La Repubblica newspaper ran a cartoon by the satirical artist Forattini showing the Mafia portrayed as a crocodile's head emerging from Sicily taking off a mask with the features of Signor

Twenty-four warrants of arrest were issued for people allegedly implicated in the murder. Five members of the the Corleonesi clan were arrested. Among those sought is Toto Riina, the head of Cosa Nostra, who has been on the run for nearly 30 years.

in Vitez and Novi Travnik, 60 prompted Wednesday's decision to suspend the airlift because the towns lie on the planes' flight path. Deliveries by land have also been topped because of attacks on

Croatian radio reported that five people had been killed and 20 wounded in violent clashes in Novi Travnik, but local sources said both figures were higher. Muslim soldiers said that Croat forces had also shelled a convoy of refugees outside Novi Travnik as it attempted to cross between the Muslim and Croat lines.

Croatian leaders in Herceg-Bosna, the self-proclaimed autonomous Croatian region on Bosnian territory, have said that they will use all necessary means to defend it from the Serbs and "Muslim extremists". The statement follows claims by Mate Boban, leader of Herceg-Bosna, that Novi Travnik and the surrounding area are part of Herceg-Bosna.

The tough statement is likely to increase tension between Muslims and Croats. "The Croats want this to be Herceg-Bosna, just like the Serbs want their own version of Bosnia and to take away our homes. So where can we Muslims go?" said one young fighter. who was manning a machinegun position hidden in undergrowth just outside Novi Travnik. Dressed in

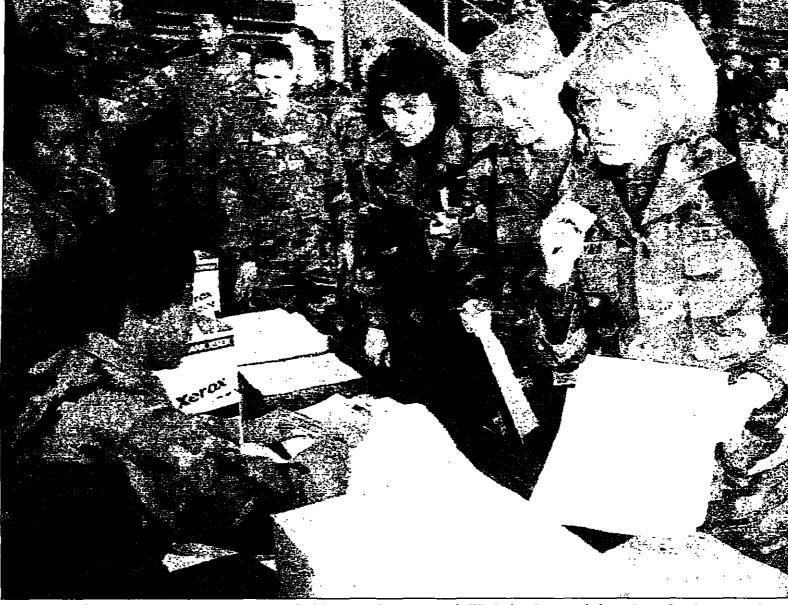
camouflage uniform, he and his counterparts almost blended in to their surroundings. Most were young men, but some were grizzled old peasants carrying bolt-action rifles. The atmosphere in this part

of central Bosnia is very tense, and it is unclear who is in control. On one five-mile stretch of road outside Novi Travnik we passed through a welter of armed checkpoints. each controlled by different factions engaged in the con-flict in the former Yugoslavia.

The wounded Muslim soldiers in the basement of the makeshift hospital in Bugojno said that the fighting erupted in Novi Travnik after the HVO, the Croatian defence organisation fighting in Bosnia, hijacked a consignment of petrol. "They took our food and our fuel until our army had nothing left," said one Bosnian fighter, who had been hit in the leg and side by shrapnel. "The HVO killed a Bosnian soldier by sniper fire and the next day they opened up on us."

It is also becoming increasingly difficult for Muslims to travel. Lines of trucks ferrying aid from Islamic organisations were backed up outside Duvno, a few miles from the Croatian border just inside Bosnia, as we approached the checkpoint. "Have you got any Muslims in the car? an HVO soldier standing by a machinegun on a tripod

asked. He was not joking. London: Amnesty International reported yesterday that human rights violations are continuing in Bosnia, particularly in Kosovo, the former Yugoslav province that borders Albania. The report was based on interviews with refugees from Bosnia. (AFP)



Ranks and files: a US army major leading a line-up of soldiers preparing paperwork in Wiesbaden, Germany, before going to Croatia next month

Russia takes fast lane to danger

By ANNE McElvoy

fter weeks of trying to After weeks of trying to wrest the Saab keys from the office driver, he reluctantly handed them over. It was clear that be had little trust in the capabilities of a Westerner to negotiate the capital's roads - and with good

The Soviet road system was a microcosm of the political one: grandiose and user-unfriendly. Only totali-tarianism could have developed the rules by which, should you want to turn left across Kutuvovsky Prospekt to reach the Times office, you have to thunder on another mile, negotiate a jammed underpass and join a queue of cars. On the signal of a traffic policeman (the lights do not work), you swing round in an elegant formation to head back to where you should have been 20 minutes ago.

The Soviet U-turn is one of the most dangerous manoeuvres, since most Mosdrivers find it impossible to stay in their lane even on a straight Faced with a fourlane 180-degree turn, they collide frequently.

Now that the bigger political U-turn is behind us. the roads continue to reflect the wider world. Just like Russia, they have become more anarchic and a lot more dangerous. There were two dead bodies on the Prospekt yesterday morning, thrown clean through their windscreens. The police ambled over and

which were impeding Uturns but, judging the corpses to be of no further consequence, left them there for half the day. The state statistics committee announced last week that 13,000 people were killed and 75,000 injured be-

tween January and July.

By the time I reached the
Kremlin, bound for Sheremetyevo airport, I was beginning to think I might soon be one of them. Russians drive maniacally. The Volga in the outside lane hurched in a single swerve across the bows of three cars into the inside. Then he discovered he was not making progress there and bounced back - without dropping below 70mph.

The first traffic police-I man waved his black and white baton, saluted and introduced himself courteously before explaining that I had changed lane in the wrong place. In a Western car with special plates, you are inevitably first in line for an official admonishment. Or worse. The next po-

liceman was less polite and insisted that the car was in need of an overhaul. Given. that it is sturdy. Swedish and king of the road in the land of Ladas, that seemed a bit rich. I started to show him the MOT. "Nyet, nyet," he growled. "Dollars." Ten of those poorer, I was declared roadworthy and

Rogue army of guards holds sway over a worried Moscow

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

A GUN battle outside the Russian parliament in which a guard was killed and another was injured in a clash with regular police has increased suspicions that White House guards have formed themselves into a private army outside the authorities' control. It has also exposed the disconcerting personality cult that surrounds Ruslan Khasbulatov, the maverick parliamentary chairman.

The guards, who still wear police uniform, answer only to Mr Khasbulatov, an ethnic Chechen who has given himself powers far beyond those which normally accrue to a Speaker. He issues edicts. provides his relatives with gun licences and passes to the White House, and exerts pressure on reluctant deputies with

on blackmail. His guards, who bear the portentous name Directorate of the Highest State Organs. are thought to number 5,000 and have been illegally removed from the control of the interior ministry. Among worried deputies they are known as the "cardinal's guards", after the men who in Alexander Dumas' The Three Musketeers held running battles with the king's guards. They patrol 75 key buildings in Moscow.

Mr Khasbulatov, a close ally of Boris Yeltsin for years, was deemed sound enough an anti-communist to be placed in charge of the guards. But tensions between him and the Russian president have grown and Mr Khasbulatov now

ly conservative congress meets

Hardliners are expected to use

the forum to attempt a purge

of the more radical, pro-

Western government mem-

the conductor for criticism of

Mr Yeltsin by hardliners who

the start of December.

Rutskoi presses for purge of cabinet

By ANNE McElvoy consideration when the main-

ALEKSANDR Rutskoi, Russia's vice-president, yesterday raised the temperature of an already overheated political week by describing his country as "a political and economic rubbish dump" and calling for the sacking of six members of government.

Speaking to youth groups The attack came a day after on a trip to nonhern Russia. President Yeltsin suffered a Mr Rutskoi added that if the heavy defeat in parliament. reform course continued as at which refused to postpone the present, disaster lay ahead. congress of people's deputies. It appears calculated to further The Italian mafia will be coming to Russia for traindestabilise the chaotic political ing," he said. situation and widen the rift A hero of the Afghan war between Mr Rutskoi and Mr Mr Rutskoi is acting openly as

The vice-president said that the composition of the cabinet should be the first item for conservative camp which

such forcefulness that it verges

would like to slow the reform programme. There are fears that his guards could be used against the government in a second, right-wing coup.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Thousand claim 'jet amnesty'

Amsterdam: More than 1,000 illegal aliens have claimed they lived in the 77 apartments crushed by an El Al cargo jet after Dutch authorities offered an amnesty to victims of the crash in the suburb of Bijlmermeer.

A city spokesman said: There are always some who will try to take advantage of this sort of deal." Up to 70 people are believed to have died when the Boeing 747 sliced through a ten-storey block of flats after losing its two right engines. (AP)

Policeman dies

Bilbao: A policeman with suspected links to Eta. the Basque separatist group, died in the northern Spanish town of Barakaldo when a camping timer he was handling went off, police said, (Reuterl

Minister ill

Moscow: Andrei Vorobyov. the Russian health minister. collapsed after suffering a heart attack while introducing his health reforms at a government meeting. No details of reported. (AFP)

Baby victims

Hamburg: Racist Germans set fire to a hostel housing 24 refugees in Lahstedt and two Lebanese babies had to be treated in hospital after inhaling smoke, police said. The state of Brandenburg said it would house refugees in mass quarters in future. (Reuter)

Run of luck

Moscow: Olympic athletes are to be paid from the proceeds of Russia's first national lottery. Organisers of "The Lotto Million" say cash raised will pay athletes threatening to emigrate if not properly rewarded.

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Calm that followed the Stormin'

The peace-loving general believes

America's next

campaign should be in schools

is stormin' days are over, but General H. Norman Schwarzkopf is hailed as a conquering hero wherever he goes, even without his battle fatigues. Not only is he exactly the kind of guy anyone would go into the jungle with, but he is good company with a fund of jokes ("Do you know what Waldheimer's disease is? It's when you get so old you forget you were a Nazi") and a poetic soul. In his helicopter above the desert wastes he would compose verses about the eternal winds shifting the lone and level sands, and the essential little-



ness of man ... The combination of Iron John and Rupert Brooke, the soldier of sentiment, is irresistible.

"What made the younger Schwarzkopf become the Schwarzkopf he became?" he says, is what a doting public asked him after fame en-guifed him, so his appropriately enormous book, It Doesn't Take a Hero, is far more than a Gulf war memoir. It starts with early years reminiscent of Saturday Evening

Post covers by Norman Rockwell.

In the big family house on Main
Street, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, Mom was forever baking apple pie. Life revolved around the kitchen stove, white Christmases, birthdays and pet dogs. Every week the family gathered round the radio to listen to the crimewatch show Gang Busters, presented by his father, H. Norman Schwarzkopf Sr (later a general, too) who was state police chief at the time of the Lindbergh kidnapping. So Pop was famous. He also gave his children medals for good behaviour

on Friday nights This cosy domestic scene fell apart when Pop went away to the second world war, leaving Norman, aged seven, in charge as the man of the house. "Nothing was ever the same again." His mother went to pieces and took to drink. His sister Sally implored him not to write about that Why does this have to become a Mommie Dearest?"), but his mother still comes over as inspiring — she disliked privilege, and taught him tolerance. And Norman discovered that "late at night when you're all by vourself, you can call upon inner



Home-bred hero: the book has made Schwarzkopf rich but his values are still those of the boy from Lawrenceville, New Jersey

resources. I could still make friends. love dogs and help old ladies across the street." This is the useful message he feels he should relay to the young of today, who use adversity as an excuse for bad behaviour.

Before Stormin' Norman, he had other noms de guerre: he was "the Bear" to his men, for his growly temperament, and "Cuddles" to his teenage gang in Frankfurt, for cuddling a girlfriend on the bus. Following his peripatetic father, at 11 be was already at home in the Gulf, where Pop was defending the Shah. Dining in a tent with the Baluchi tribe, the brave boy managed to gulp down a sheep's eyeball: striking a blow, said Schwarzkopf senior, for American-Iranian relations. Every night during the Gulf war, he longed to talk to his father. "But it was almost like he was there. The Middle East was a world he loved, and knew better than almost any American alive at that time."

Over Christmas in the desert, Bob

Hope arrived ("and Vietnam and Korea and World War II all came rolling back to me") and he watched a video of the Civil War television series. "We were in the midst of designing the offensive campaign, about to throw 800,000 people into battle. And I was watching the result of campaigns where hundreds of thousands had died. Believe me, that has a very sobering effect on you. I feel it's really important for generals to understand that those elegant arrows they draw on maps translate into the lives and limbs of human beings. And they should never, ever forget that, or they make

terrible, tragic mistakes." The general who once said "War is a profamity" was never gung ho after Vietnam, which made him detest the term "friendly fire": "it's such an oxymoron, like military intelligence". After Vietnam he said: 'Nobody is more anti-war than an intelligent person who has been to war." He hated what the Vietnam

he only way to describe my costume that night is

to say you might have wrapped the Christmas turkey

up in it," says Gary Glitter philosophically. "I had a jacket which was made of shredded

tinsel, and 6in platforms.

Women were fainting all over

the place. It was my first gig

ever as Gary Glitter."

It is almost impossible to

imagine Glitter at the start of

his career; the ludicrous pos-

turing, the clompy boots and

startled gaze seem to have been around, unchanged, for

ever. Yet 20 years ago the

nascent Glitter persona was

witnessed for the first time by

probably no more than 150 people in the small Wiltshire

town of Melksham. In honour

it a Harp Rock Beat Plaque. As far as the inhabitants of

Melksham are concerned, the

plaque will simply be a just return for years of devoted service in bringing a mixed

range of entertainers to enthu-

siastic locals. "It was a brilliant

place for Gary to launch his

career," says Kim Mounty, who attended the concert 20

Indeed, it seems that on the

night, the audience had some

vague awareness that history was in the making. "We all queued up in front of the hall," Mr Mounty says. "We all had long hair and platform shoes."

I remember we caught a taxi back afterwards, and sang his

songs all the way home. The

next day we went out and

bought his first single." Alf

Sparks, who was working next

door as caretaker of

Melksham swimming pool.

years ago at the age of 18.

the birthplace of Glittermania, next Monday Glitter will visit Melksham assembly hall to bestow upon

débacle did to US morale. Before Desert Storm he told newsmen he was determined there would be "no Cambodian border situations" (kicking sand as he said this). There we had been, not once but twice, in the ridiculous situation where the enemy could attack you out of Cambodia, and you couldn't attack him because he could run across the border and say yah, you can't get me', like a kick-the-can. You can't fight a war

he general says he had no idea, as he gave his news conferences from Riyadh. that the world was building him up as a gigantic personality. "We had no television or newspapers. We didn't know everything we said was relayed every halfhour on CNN. We were just running the war. We had no concept of the impact our personalities were making." When they told him he was going to be a hero, he would say "I'm no hero. It doesn't take a hero to order men and women into battle" - hence his book's title.

But after the war, in the eyes of hero-hungry Americans, his appeal as a 6ft.3in, can-do winner made him infinitely marketable. "It bothers me when people talk of Schwarzkopf cashing in," he says. "Let me tell you what I have not done." He ted offers to join the defence industry, to do "countless" television commercials, to sell inferior arms to the Arabs for \$150 million, or to sit on boards, all turned down except Nature Conservancy.

He could be taking 90 speaking engagements a month, but limits himself to five. He and Brenda and the kids used to sit at home in Florida ("Dunstormin", I like tothink) imagining what they would do if they won the multi-million dollar state lottery. Now his book has made him rich. "But our lifestyle has not changed one bit. I am not

A small town in Wiltshire celebrates a brief moment of glory — the day it was midwife to a pop legend

When Glitter made his first little twinkle

driving a 17ft Mercedes and I don't own a yacht." His thrill is driving with his son Christian every weekend to the clay shooting club, playing Les Miserables at full blast. In his lectures he tries to undo

revisionist assertions about the war. He reminds people that the Iraqi military was not puny, that war began only when all possibility of peace was exhausted, that to say they did not spare civilians is "poppy-cock". He tells how good leadership leads to high performance ("you only get by giving: make them feel good and they make you feel good") and ends with a homily about taking charge of your life and doing what's right. The first question audiences invariably ask is, "Why didn't you go in and finish the job?" i.e. get Saddam. For a full reply, see the book; in brief, they did all they

were mandated to do. At the Imperial War Museum this week, with Lady Thatcher and his friend General Sir Peter de la Billière in attendance, he was signing books, left-handed. "Didn't you

His image as a can-do winner made him infinitely marketable. He could be taking 90 speaking engagements a month

know? Everybody is born lefthanded, until they commit their first sin." Some guests were moving on to the Madonna thrash. "How do you think I feel," asked the general,

upstaged by a \$50 sex book? Alan Clark, the former defence secretary, thinks it lamentable that Stormin' is relegated to the lecture circuit while "weak Willie Clinton" advances on the White House. The Clinton and Perot campaigns both tried to tempt the general aboard. "One political analyst said, 'General Schwarzkopi would be a lousy politician because he says what he thinks'. I consider that the nicest compliment I've had." Mention Eisenhower and the general reminds you that Ike was offered the Democratic ticket in 1948 "but he never planned to run, and didn't until he was drafted in by the American people in '52... But I don't consider myself President Eisenhower's successor."

There are other ways to serve .one's country: such as address the young. Education, he says, is the answer to every problem, like prejudice and drugs. He does not bash a Bible or extol the American way: "It's a good way, but it's not the only way." When he taught engineering at his old military academy, West Point, he would end up sitting on the edge of the desk, talking about integrity. Out of the storm and into the schools, Norman.

Norman Schwarzkopf's It Doesn't Take a Hero is published by Bantam at £17.99.

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Visiting Gunter

V ing director of Ecover, is a little alarming. A brief handshake in Mr Pauli's office, and he jumps out the window. I follow, and find some steps on the other side of the parapet leading down to a herbaceous border. This is Mr Pauli's roof garden; at 2,400 tons of turf he reckons it to be the biggest in Europe. The garden is the crowning glory of an ecological dream come true for the 36-year-old

former diplomat.

Having spent Bfr97

million (nearly £2 million) on building his soap and detergents plant 30 miles from Antwerp roughly double what it would have with normal building techniques — Mr Pauli sees himself as a business revolutionary. "I have vision, drive and contacts," he says. "I make the difficult things

Ecover products are already well known in Britain. Its range of environmentally friendly liquid soaps is available in the big chain stores, and annual sales come to Ecover, which has existed for about 12 years, makes 16 products and exports to 34 countries: 92 per cent of its business is outside Belgium. Mr Pauli's team of biologists, toxicologists and green engineers has worked out the factory down to the last detail. The wooden structure is hewn from sustainable forestry, the rubber matting is recyclable, the bricks come from coal slag heaps. The factory has polycarbonate windows instead of glass. Looking after his work-

ers is a major priority. He laid clay beneath the wooden floor of the factory, which helps keep You build a better environment for people and it encourages them," he says. "You have a lower

staff turnover." The travel allowance is three times higher for those who cycle to work than for those who drive; for big-engined cars, such as Mr Pauli's, there is no allowance.

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All that glitters: "Women fainted all over the place"

sneaked in through the back like it before. Marvellous." entrance as the great man appeared down his trademark staircase. "It was outstanding ... like something from outer space," he recalls, "He came on in a silver suit, with big boots and a jacket with huge shoulder pads and ... well, wings. I'd never seen anything

Many of the evening's details have, sadly, been lost over the years; estimates of audience figures vary wildly between one and 800. What is certain, however, is that although his fee was only £150, Glitter began as he intended to go on. "He was a flashy.

kind of bloke," says John Lupson, then caretaker of the assembly hall. "He demanded a settee in his changing room, and I told him, we're only a council hall, not the London

Palladium'." Maybe not, but Melksham assembly hall, a one-storey brick-and corrugated from affair which could not possibly have attracted an audience from further than about 20 miles, was more than up to launching The Glittering One. "Melksham is basically the home of rock and roll." says Anne Welch, who organises live performances in the hall. "The hall is so evocative for so many people."

Me has a point; a fortnight after Glitter's de-but, T. Rex were to play the hall. Wizzard and the Bay City Rollers likewise made their way down to Melksham. "Melksham assembly hall turned down the Rolling Stones, you know," Ms Welch says proudly. "And Eddie Cochran died just down the road in Chippenham " She presses a piece of paper into my hand. This is a list of the people we have appearing now at the hall."

Unfortunately, the current list does not have the same shine of stardom; the number one acts are a choice between an evening with Cynthia Payne, Screaming Lord Sutch, or a man called Freddie "Fingers" Lee, whose *pièce de* resistance is setting his hair on fire. It is hoped that the national recognition accorded to the hall via the Gary Glitter plaque will be reflected in the attendance of forthcoming rock evenings; only 85 people made it to the last one.

We all stand reverently out-

side the hall's glass front door.
"This is where we queued and was an ever-changing collecwaited for the doors to open to see Gary Glitter," Mr Mounty says. "This is where the plaque will go," Ms Welch says. go," Ms Welch says, pointing to the lintel above the door. "Then we can make it part of the town trail." Their conversation moves on to the rock and roll dances of the 1950s and 1960s, evenings when men from the nearby air force bases used to speed down the town's high street and pick

tion of young men to dance with," Ms Welch says. "When they come to put the plaque up. I'll just feel very proud I was there, and part of the whole scene with the hall. It would be great, in all honesty, if Gary Glitter could come back and play here. Could you ask him to come back?"

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Egypt trembles on the brink

Tonight John Major arrives in a country brought near to collapse by Muslim extremists. Christopher Walker reports

or John Major, it may come as a relief to arrive in Cairo this weekend and meet President Mubarak, a leader who is in at least as serious a political predicament.

Ever since Mubarak found himself spattered with the blood of his assassinated predecessor Anwar Sadat in October 1981, the Cassandras have been warning that Egypt - the most populous Arab country - is on the brink of collapse into a revolt from which Islamic fundamentalists will emerge triumphant.

For Washington, which props up this nation of 58 million with huge quantities of aid, the prospect of a repeat of the 1979 Iranian revolution is one that threatens to destroy attempts to restore stability to the Middle East

At no time - not even during the bloody police cadet riots of 1986 has the revolt thesis seemed more plausible than in the days since the October 12 earthquake, which exposed government laxity in imposing building regulations and its inefficiency in mounting a rapid relief programme.

The devastation and panic inflicted on Cairo in the space of a minute provided the Islamic extremists with the perfect stick with which to beat an administration they are determined to overthrow. Until the quake, which was the worst recorded in Egypt's long history of tremors, the extremists had been struggling with the natural tolerance of the masses. whose easygoing approach to life is summed up in the joke definition of sleeping as "Egyptian PT". Sud-denly, the poor were confronted by a disaster attributed by many to the will of Allah, and by energetic Islamic activists whose swift provision of shelter and food far exceeded the efforts of the central

The quake is a message from God to the regime," the tubthumping fundamentalist preacher Sheikh Ahmed Abdel-Rahman told worshippers in one mosque: "I call on the government to release all detained members of Muslim groups, treat them in a humane manner and start a new era of justice — for otherwise God's message will be repeated."

In the filthy streets of Cairo's garbage mountains mixes with that vice, could scarcely control his fury of human and animal faeces, it was

the Muslims who first put up tents, distributed food and erected handpainted posters declaring "Islam is the solution".

The moderate Islamic govern-ment of Mubarak panicked, ripped down the tents and set up tent cities of its own far from the city centre. Foreign correspondents who reported on the riots were in some cases upbraided and reminded firmly that the ruling National Democratic Party was also running

a large relief campaign.

Jittery Western diplomats who had hoped that the largess of the oil sheikhs in the wake of the Gulf war would eliminate Egypt's chronic instability, were reminded of disturbing parallels with Algeria, which experienced a similar tremor in 1989. There too the fundamentalists were the first to provide aid,

Fears of a repeat of the Iranian revolution threaten the peace process

and a year later they cashed in politically in the ensuing local Their subsequent triumph in the first round of the general election last December led to the coup and the end of Algeria's democratic experiment.

Egypt holds local government polls on November 3. Few doubt that one purpose of the swift mobilisation of the bearded Muslim militants was to prepare the ground for these. In recent months the fundamentalists have secured control of most of Egypt's professional organisations. Most recently they took over the Lawyers' Syndicate despite the leftist sympathies of most members. The Doctors' and Engineers' syndicates had already fallen to the well-oiled Islamic electoral machine, following a trend throughout the Arab world for the fundamentalists to thrive on anything that remotely resembles

Mamdouh el Beltagui, the chairwhen he spoke of the fundamental-

ists. "They are trying to capitalise on a natural disaster for pure political gain," he declared. "I am convinced that ordinary decent Egyptians will reject this ploy."

Outside his air-conditioned of fice, however, the strength of the Islamic challenge is harder to deny. At one of the Muslim refugee camps. Fawzia Ismail, a mother of four daughters said: "I was sleeping outside near the garbage until [the Muslim Brotherhood] gave me a tent to share with 11 other people. My house fell, and no one from the government came to see us." Many affluent Cairenes have

begun to talk, only half jokingly, of emigration. They are convinced that the earthquake will propel a fundamentalist bandwagon already travelling at disturbing speed. The fundamentalists announced at a recent clandestine press conference in the Cairo slum of Imbaba that in a fully Islamic Egypt, Christians would have the same rights and duties as Muslims but would pay a special tax, would not serve in the army and could not become political leaders. "Since a Christian is an infidel, he cannot be superior to Muslims," a spokesman for one of the most militant groups, El-Gama'a El-Islamiya, told a small group of Western reporters.

Since the beginning of the year, sectarian clashes between the security forces, Muslim extremists and Coptic Christians (who make up 10 per cent of the population) have led to 70 deaths, more than at any period since the aftermath of Sadat's shooting by Islamic fan-atics disguised as soldiers.

The government has responded with new anti-terrorist measures imposed on top of an existing emergency law. A plan has also been announced to curb the building of private mosques, which form the fundamentalists principal powerbase. Condemning this move, Ahmed Hassan al Banna, son of the founder of the Muslim Brotherhood warned: "It is against Islam to destroy the House of God. There will be great trouble." Add to all this a population that

is projected to reach 120 million by the year 2020, unemployment soon expected to jump to 20 per cent and subversion financed by Iran and Sudan, and it is easy to see WITY MIT Major may find that his



Earth-shaking moment: the quake on October 12 allowed fundamentalists to rally political support by rushing in food and shelter

WHERE THE TOURIST IS A TERRORIST TARGET AND AN ARMED GUARD MAY BE PRUDENT

he death of a British tourist in Egypt on A Wednesday in an ambush by Islamic extremists is the most serious incident since fundamentalists decided to include foreign tourists and pharaonic sites among their expanding list of targets.

Sharon Hill, a 28-year-old nurse from Gloucester who was on a "final adventure" before getting married died when the opentopped mini truck she was travelling in was ambushed on a road in Dayrut in Upper Egypt while returning to a campsite in Assuit province, a stronghold of the most violent Muslim fundamentalist organisation, El-Gama'a El-Islamiya. Two British men were wounded in the attack, which police sources say was carried out by extremists who used a boy standing in the road to give a whistle when he saw the bus, signalling gunmen in fields on either side to open fire. The two injured Britons. Michael Simmons. 24. of High Wycombe, whose left side was grazed by a bullet, and David Wilson, also 24, of London, who was hit in the left leg, have both left hospital in Dayrut and early yesterday were in a government rest

warned that similar attacks will continue unless the government softens its policy towards

Islamic fundamentalists. The Egyptian government, anxious to limit

damage to the US\$3 billion a year tourist industry, offered the five Britons, an Australian and a Portuguese who survived the ambush a substitute coach and an armed guard to finish their countrywide tour, which is due to end on November 8. All but two agreed. The Foreign Office urged British visitors to Egypt to be careful, but pointed out that the great majority of tourists on major tourist routes experience no security difficulties.

Earlier this month, on October 2, Islamic gunmen fired on a cruise boat carrying some 140 German tourists down the Nile. Although none of the Germans was injured three Egyptian crewmen were wounded in the attack. the first of its kind. Attempts by Egyptian officials to play the incident down were discounted by Western embassies as it followed only days after Gama'a had warned foreigners to avoid the area.

Less than four months earlier, when The own problems temporarily look house. A spokesman for the Gama'a has Times reported the first Islamic anti-tourist rather less daunting.

A spokesman for the Gama'a has attack launched on the Karnak temple in Luxor.

readers found that neither Whitehall nor London-based tour-operators were initially prepared to admit that it was the start of a campaign. Doubt rapidly gave way to concern when the Egyptian press disclosed that two devices had exploded during the temple's sound and light show, and that Molotov cocktails had been found elsewhere on the premises. A month later, a coach carrying foreign tourists in Luxor was attacked and a number of Islamic militants were arrested. Again. officials were reluctant to give details of the incident.

o far the fundamentalists have refrained of from attacking the main sites around Cairo.

such as the pyramids, although they have threatened them. No Western diplomat is prepared to vouch that the campaign will not switch to the capital although they acknowledge that security there is tighter.

Egyptian commentators argue that the risk to tourists is no greater in other holiday locations around the world including Britain. But Hussein Amin. an expert on Islamic affairs. says of the struggle between the government and the extremists: "Confrontation will not subside — it is a battle to the end."

Taking sides across the aisles

he Right Rev John Shelby Spong, the American bishop who advocates the church's bless ing of homosexual unions, will be in Britain next week to promote his book, Born of a Woman: A Bishop Rethinks the Birth of Jesus. In it he questions the virgin birth and links it to sexism in the church.
Only the church that manages to free itself from its sexist definition of women, anchored significantly in the virgin Mary tradition, will survive," he concludes.

Bishop Spong will also be giving the keynote address at the launch on Tuesday of Hamish Hamilton's Daring to Speak Love's Name, a gay and lesbian prayer book which was to have been published by the Anglican body SPCK. until the Archbishop of Can-terbury. Dr George Carey, intervened. The timing of publication means that the books will have maximum impact on the debate on the ordination of women priests.

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to help terly:

On November 11, the General Synod of the Church of England votes on whether to ordain women priests. The result could have almost as farreaching an effect as the Reformation on the English church, in England about 1,300 woman deacons are queuing up to be priests.

Voting from previous synods indicates that the legislation to ordain women to the priesthood could just fail. It needs a two-thirds majority to succeed and would then have to progress through Parliament. The earliest a woman could be ordained priest would be July 1994.

Only a handful of the laity needs to switch sides for the legislation to succeed. Those considered likely to change their minds are on the receiving end of a cannonade of books, leaflets and letters.

On one side is the Movement for the Ordination of Women (Mow) with about 7,000 members. It quotes opinion polls which show that in some areas up to 90 per cent of people would be happy to have a woman as their vicar.

Today, synod members will receive an open letter signed by senior bishops in the Church of England, who have broken ranks to declare their support for women priests. The Rev Elizabeth Baxter.

The factions are mustering in the campaign to influence synod's vote on women priests



The Rev Antonia Lynn: a deacon opposed to women priests

aged 43, a deacon in an innercity Leeds parish, often writes her own liturgy, with God represented as both mother and father. She said: "I think all liturgy needs to be inclusive so that at no point does any person feel they are excluded from worship and prayer."

Leading the opposition to women priests is Cost of Conscience, an organisation of more than 3,000 dergy. It is supported by Women Against the Ordination of Women, a body of Anglican women opposed to women priests. These groups are calling on the

church not to abandon 2,000 years of tradition. They lay emphasis on the inherent differences between men and women and insist that a woman by her sex does not have the right or ability to

represent Christ at the altar. Cost of Conscience this week published a report. Jesus & Sex, in which the Rev Geoffrey Kirk, Cost of Conscience's secretary and vicar of St Stephen's, Lewisham, south London, insists that Jesus is a man, both before and after the resurrection, that God chose deliberately to be male in

Jesus, and that his maleness is integral to his ministry. Because sacraments are grounded in the incarnation, a woman cannot represent Christ at the altar by celebrating the eucharistic sacrament, he argues.

Many women support his view. The Rev Antonia Lynn, aged 33, a graduate of Girton College, Cambridge, is chaplain at Horton Hospital near Epsom, Surrey. She was ordained deaconess in 1984 and in 1987 was one of the first women to be ordained deacon, previously the preserve of men. But she wants to go no further. She believes that the Church of England, as only a small part of the whole church of Christ, lacks the authority to take such a radical step.

any traditionalists fear also an alliance between feminism and gay rights campaigns but Bishop Spong is not afraid to make the connection. He said last night: "The oppression of gay and lesbian people in my opinion is part of the same patriarchal oppression of women. I wrote Born of a Woman primarily to get the church to face its negativity towards women on every level. not just at the ordination level. The Christian church needs to face the fact that much of what it has done has been designed to keep women in a state of

second-class citizenship."
The Rev Philip Crowe, principal of Salisbury and Wells theological college, says he will resign and become a parish priest if women are not or-dained priests. "It is as if the church had said it was in favour of slavery after the anti-slavery campaign, or against women having the vote after they had won it. It is a matter of justice.

In today's Church Times, Brian Horne, lecturer in theology at King's College London, makes a direct link between the debate and sexuality. "My opposition to the ordination of women at this time is based on a belief that it is an attempt to pre-judge the resolution of profound questions only now being raised in acute form about the nature of gender differences and how they should find expression in the Christian tradition."

RUTH GLEDHILL



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t was the noblest nationalisation. When the history of post-war Britain is written, nothing should be so lauded as the way the great houses of England were brought into public ownership. From Knole to Hardwick, from Kedleston to St Michael's Mount the landscape of England can be criss-crossed in an incomparable Grand Tour of history and taste. Displaying the past is a talent at which Britain reigns supreme.

No authority ordained this success. No Napoleonic edict went out. From the mid-1930s. a tiny band of aesthetes induced first dozens then hundreds of grandees to make over to the National Trust estates that had been in their families for centuries. Civil servants were nowhere to be seen. The cost in tax relief was minimal. The trick was one of masterly confidence.

James Lees-Milne was the first and greatest of these tricksters. At 84 he is, to our infinite delight, still alive to tell the tale. His People and Places (published today by John Murray) should be read by every bureaucrat, centraliser or general interferer. It is a textbook in public service.

Lees-Milne was the first country house secretary of the National Trust in 1936. The trust had a staff of a mere half-dozen and daringly invited distressed owners of great houses to bequeath to it rather than demolish or sell in the open market. All the trust could offer in return was continued tenancy, a promise of loving care and, from 1937, relief from future death duties. Lees-Milne was salesman for this policy.

His book is a case history of 14 early negotiations with families as ornate as Sackville. Lothian, Dashwood and Trevelyan, Some 300 more were to follow. It is also a fascinating postscript to aristocracy's Edwardian summer, the bleak winter of the Depression. "The estate is mildly embarrassed." a peer would murmur over the port, his wife sobbing in the gloom. Sons had died on the Somme. Developers and auctioneers were circling ravenously overhead. Socialism was at hand. The outbreak of war in 1939 brought a new menace, a defence ministry of mindless philistinism, requisitioning and smashing everything in sight.

ver the horizon peddles young Lees-Milne, Eton and Magdalen, on a bicycle from the nearest station. He enthuses over the beloved house. He admires the pictures. He mentions a comforting friend in common. He is polite to the servants. In his bag is a sort of occupancy, a small bill paid, some advice on restoration, above all respect and dignity

The agony of these people is as palpable as their eccentricity. Lord Berwick of Attingham, with stabling for 60 horses and a conviction that his vacuum cleaner is a ghost, can barely discuss the subject. Conversation must pass via his wife as they walk in a circle round the old man who incants "not an acre shall be sold". The bachelor Colonel Lutley of Brockhampton, seat of Lutleys for 750 years, is so appalled at what faces him that Lees-Milne has to retreat to the local pub.

From Stourhead the Hoares write asking if Lees-Milne could find some evacuees "to help polish the silver with peacock feathers". At Cotchele, he must sit and watch in horror as Lady Mount Edgcumbe's puppy munches its way through the Queen Anne needlework. "Oh you naughty thing," she murmurs as each priceless inch disappears. Miss Talbot gives desperate dances in Lacock Abbey with a wind-up gramophone and "plain, speechless girls" while the yule log fills the room with smoke and fog swirls against the Gothick windows. Lord and Lady Newton move about their doomed Stockport inheritance "sighing from noon to night".

anbury in Worcestershire is saddest. Here was the perfect Squire Western house, William and Mary, ungrand and in 1938 hopeless. Lady Vernon is down to two rooms and one maid. Lees-Milne finds her surrounded by vast cats, eating queen's pudding and whispering, "Droitwich is gettin' very queer." When most would run for the door, he smiles tolerantly, always meeting self-pity with sympathy. If Ellen Terry's daughter and her friends refuse point blank to submit any paperwork when left in charge of Smallhythe in Kent ("and we thought the National Trust was civilised!") the issue is not pushed. Lees-Milne simply wants to keep each house occupied. If this means bending rules, if the occupants are barking mad, so be it.

His model is of administration based not on rules but on trust. The deal was immensely fragile. Owners would not make their property over to the state or central government. Most would rather sell. The National Trust contract was therefore complex: continued de facto possession with maintenance but loss of ownership and agreed public access. It is hard to imagine a contract more liable to collapse if handled insensitively.

But there was more to the National Trust's success than its policy of minimal intervention. It would not have worked without the people who ran it. Lees-Milne and his colleagues worked by confident delegation, by mild nepotism, by a call to a friend, by leaning on the great and good. This was the old-boy network's finest hour. Thus was mighty Knole prized from the proud hands of Lord Sackville. Thus was the air ministry repulsed

from glorious Jacobean Blickling. An aristocracy yielded up its inheritance because it trusted officials who did not change every year, who shared its assumptions and courtesies and were sympathetic to its plight. Government, to be fair, gave the trust what it wanted, tax reliefs. It was enabler not executor and a model for modern reformers. Here is one nationalisation that deserves to stick. What a

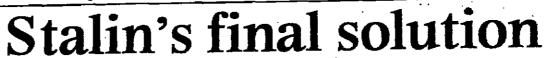
New documents prove the Katyn massacre was ordered by the Soviet leader, says Nicholas Bethell

The last piece has been discovered of a puzzle that has bedevilled historians and governments alike ever since April 1943, when the bodies of 4,000 Polish officers were unearthed in mass graves at Katyn, near Smolensk, in western Russia. The discovery of the mass graves by German occupying forces was skilfully exploited by Nazi German proaganda as evidence of the claim that democratic Britain was in warnime alliance with a

gang of murdering barbarians.

The suggestion at the time that Britain's brave Soviet friends had committed acts of genocide against Polish prisoners of war was angrily rejected by British public opinion and by the British government. Even a few years ago, in many British people's eyes, it was "anti-Soviet propaganda" to suggest otherise than that Hitler had done

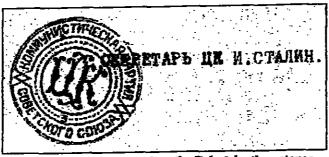
the deed. Last week, when most people thought the issue was dead and buried, it arose from the grave in Moscow's Constitutional Court to threaten the reputation of ex-President Gorbachev. It is suggested that by April 1989 he had been informed of every detail of Stalin's personal guilt and that he covered up the full truth True, in April 1990, Mr Gorbachev gave the then Polish president. General Jaruzelski,



some documents on the Katyn affair. But these tell short of attributing blame to the highest organ of Soviet power -- Stalin and his Politburo. Now, with the publication of the key document, it emerges that the massacres were ordered directly by Stalin following a recommendation from Beria, his chief of the secret police.

The paper is signed on its first page, in pencil, by Stalin him-self and with the names of his senior comrades: Voroshilov, Molotov and Mikoyan. The names of two other Polithuro members, Kalinin and Kaganovich, are added in the margin.

While confirming something that many have long suspected, the document adds some in-triguing new details to the terrible story. First, it suggests that those condemned to die in March 1940 were not only, as had previously been thought, the Polish prisoners of war and internees from three camps known as Kozielsk (Katyn), Starobielsk and Ostashkov — 14.736 men in all. They also included Poles who were in prison in the newly acquired western districts of the Soviet



Proof at last: Stalin's seal on the Poles' death sentence

Union as a result of their links with the former Polish "establishment". In Beria's paper, they range from "spies and diversionists" to landowners, factory owners and civil servants - a further 10,685 men. Only those who were Poles were singled out for execution. The 7,947 men in western Ukrainian or Byelorussian prisons who

were not Poles were spared. A second strange twist is that Beria originally proposed him-self as a member of the "trolka". or three-man court, that was to "try" the victims. However, his name is crossed out in Stalin's handwriting and the name of

Beria's deputy, Bogdan Kobulov, is inserted in its place. It was Kobulov who, after Stalin had given his assent, organised the massacres. A second document, ad-

dressed to Communist party leader Nikita Khrushchev in March 1959 and signed by the KGB chief. Shelepin, shows how the mass-murder brought a legacy of embarrassment to successive Soviet leaders. Each had been individually informed of the truth about Katyn through documents kept in a special safe. This second paper Poles who were executed in each

category. These turn out to be somewhat lower than the figures put forward in Beria's paper. Shelepin states that, of the total of 21,857 massacred, 4,421 were from Katyn, 3,820 from Starobielsk, 6,311 from October 1,705 Ostashkov and 7,305 from various prisons in the western Soviet Union.
Shelepin tells Khrushchev about the background to the

affair and points out that there are personal files on each one of the dead Poles kept in a sealed archive, and that he now wishes to destroy them: "From the point of view of Soviet security, these files are of no operational interest or historical value. And they could hardly be of any interest to our Polish friends. On the contrary, some unforeseen circumstance might break the essential conspiratorial nature of the operation, with a great many undesirable conse-

quences for our state." Shelepin goes on to remind Khrushchev that "there exists an official version" of the Katyn story, based on the Soviet Union's own enquiry in 1944, which concluded that the Poles were killed by Hitler's men:

enquiry was widely disseminated in the Soviet and foreign press. The Commission's conclusion is now firmly established in international public opin-ion." This is why he wants the files destroyed, so prevent any troublesome leakage.

After the formal "troika" hearings, death warrants for the thousands of doomed men. were put together. Many were signed by the head of the directorate for Polish prisoners of war, General Soptumenko. Teams of executioners were sent to the camps and prisons where

the Poles were kept. General Tokaryev was preent at one of the April 1940 mass executions in his Kalinin district. He has said in evidence to the Military Proscutor's office: They took the Poles along the corridor one by one... Each man was asked his surname, first name and date of birth — just enough to identify him. Then he was taken to the room next door, which was sound-proofed, and shot in the back of the head. Nothing was read to them... They were just handcuffed and taken to the execution room."

Today, Tokaryev lives on a general's pension in his flat in Vladimir. Soprunenko lives with his daughters in their flat in central Moscow.

Inside the mind of Hillary Clinton

illary Clinton got off to a bad start with an electorate easily frightened by clever women when she mocked Tammy Wynette's "Stand by your Man" and denounced politicians' wives who were content to bake cookies and give teas. Nor did they warm to her promise that "when you elect Bill you get me". Nancy Rea-gan's meddling in personnel decisions (not to mention her astrological enthusiasms) has put the electorate off such offers.

Taking advantage of the tide, Pat Buchanan, Phyllis Schafly and the Republican chairman. Richard Boyd, all denounced her as a threat to "family values" - she had compared marriage to slavery, and, said Mr Boyd, believed "that kids should be than helping with the chores as they were asked to do". The Republican attack was so vicious that Barbara Bush urged her husband to cool it. But Hillary Clinton had provoked uncontrolled anger as much as cold political calculation, for the attack was politically inept.

Mrs Clinton is all too like many middle-class Republican women, who also try to juggle family and job, and try to balance a concern for their own and their husbands' careers. Many of them find their party's lurch towards religious fundamentalism and a furiously "prolife" position on abortion impossible to stomach. The party's hostility to their hopes and values may cost George Bush the election — male voters are evenly split, while women are 60 to 40 in favour of Bill Clinton — so it is more than a matter of dirty politics gone

Hillary Rodham - she only began to use her husband's name in the 1980s in the interests of appeasing the con-servative instincts of Arkansas voters - was first in the public eye many years ago. In 1969 the students at Wellesley College decided it was time they spoke for themselves at their graduation ceremonies; they chose

The next first lady may prove far more interesting than her

enemies' stereotype gives her credit for, writes Alan Ryan

the field

rights

Hillary Rodham, the president of the student government, to represent their views, and her speech was widely reported in the national press. She spoke in the spirit of Kennedy liberalism, rather than fire-eating radicalism, reminding listeners that America was the country of progress and experiment, committed by its own history to

sibility for their future. The turning point came when she went on to Yale Law School. She made a impression on her contemporaries, and - unusual-

ly - the same impression on all of them. She could

into a well-paid

job in the corporate world, or set her sights on other routes to the Supreme Court, but chose instead to devote herself to family law, and above all to the legal protection of children. Her dedication to that cause struck all her In her first year at Yale she

signed on for an unpaid internship to study the problems of immigrant workers and their children. In New Haven and with the Children's Defense Fund, she homed in on the question of how to protect children from abusive and neglectful parents; the Republican contention that she thinks marriage is a form of slavery and children should be able to divorce their parents is a gloss on the work she did then work that lawyers admired as

serious and sober, imaginative but not terribly radical.

American courts, like British courts, are guided in their treatment of children by the principle that they must act "in the child's best interests". This principle is too vague to provide much guidance, and courts adopt familiar rules of thumb. such as deferring to the natural giving its young people respon- parents, ruling out certain sorts

of people as fosso on Hillary Her views are Clinton's contribution is the now taken for unsurprising thought that in granted in many cases, the courts should consult the child about what indeed is in the of children's child's best She reached

this view after some sad experiences in New Haven. One was when a 12-year-old child was removed from the foster mother who had looked after her for some years and placed in a home to await adoption by someone who fitted the profile the court thought her "best interests" demanded: to Hillary Rodham, this deprived the child of the nearest thing she had to a real parent and was cruel.

"Children Under the Law" is the essay that her critics say compares marriage to slavery except that it doesn't. It says what every textbook says: in Anglo-American law, some people have been presumed to be incompetent to stand up for their rights in a law court, or to have rights that must be exercised only by someone on their behalf. Slaves were represented

by masters, wives by husbands, and children by parents. Hillary Clinton suggested that children should be given more legal standing. The American Bar Association says her views are now "taken for granted among people who have thought about children's rights".

Instead of presuming that children below the age of majority are legally incompetent, the law should presume them competent except where they are demonstrably not. To the Republicans, this is shorthand for saying that children may have abortions without telling their parents - and it is true that Hillary Clinton is against any legal requirement of parental notification while her husband is in favour. But too often parents insist on unwilling daughters having an abortion to spare the family embarrassment, and these children need as much protection as anyone.

Hillary Clinton has plemy of other projects: in Arkansas, she helped her husband put through a programme that tested local teachers, but offered them retraining rather than the sack as a remedy for their failings; as a professor in the local law school, she tried to persuade her students that Arkansas students, 100, could make it in the wider world. Even in conservative America. such ideas are not very startling. She has a European taste for comprehensive welfare state solutions, but that is no crime, even if it is bolder than anything her husband has offered the voters.

After her bad start, the tide has turned. How much is due to a new hairstyle and how much to the electorate getting used to the thought that a president's wife may be clever, public spirited, and forceful without posing a threat to the constitution, it is impossible to say. But optimists will hope it is the latter. Bill Clinton will hardly be a second Franklin D. Roosevelt; we may hope that Hillary will be a second Eleanor.

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dren who descend on the house

every year will now presumably

be able to stick to their parents' car rear windows a new legend:

"I have seen the nudes of



Wakeham, the new Whitelaw

LORD Wakeham - virtually put out to grass when he became Leader of the Lords after the general election in April - has been recalled to the centre of government by John Major, who has asked the former secretary of state to take charge of "information co-

The recall to the front-line follows Wakeham's rescue act in the pit closure fiasco. It reflects a growing feeling in Downing Street that the soothing presence of a Willie Whitelaw figure is desperately needed in an increasingly accident-prone

government.

Apart from his job in the Lords, Wakeham has scarcely been seen in public since the election. But Major is anxious that Wakeham should resume his "Lord fix it" role after being impressed by the way the former energy secretary, who knows more than most about the coal industry, handled the dimb-down announcement in

Wakeham was appalled by what he regards as the bungling approach of Michael Heseltine and has taken little trouble in

hiding his views. Peers have been astonished by the ferocity of his criticism of his cabinet colleague. His forthright attitude has also earned him the warm approval of one of the newest members of the upper house. Baroness Thatcher. His return to the heart of

affairs will not necessarily give Wakeham much pleasure, however. After acting as unofficial "minister for banana skins" under both Thatcher and Major he was only too happy to take a back-seat role after retiring from the Commons at the last election.

Even Wakeham himself is not immune from banana skins. While Heseltine narrowly survived the Commons vote this week, it was Wakeham who presided over a government defeat in the Lords.

Bare bait

THE lions of Longleat will soon have some serious rivals — the infamous murals of naked women painted by the new Lord Bath. The Kama Sutralike paintings, which are hang-ing in the private apartments of Lord Bath, the eccentric owner of Longleat House, are to go on public display for the first time next year. Previously the apartments could be seen only by spe-



cial appointment and only murals for next year's publicity when the eccentric peer was The hundreds of schoolchil-

Bath, who inherited the stately home on the death of his father earlier this year, believes his daubs will be an additional attraction after the lions. This week he toured the house with a photographer and instructed him to take shots of the explicit

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 Madonna will surely be delighted to hear that a demonstrating miner is prepared to swap his helmet for her much-hyped book, Sex. Michael Day, the upwardly mobile managing director of the Huge Cheese company, was driving his BMW through London when he was surrounded by more than 50 Yorkshire miners on the march. Shaking slightly, he offered the pitmen a copy of Madonna's

One miner immediately removed his helmet, announcing they had no intention of robbery but a fair exchange was al-

ways a fair exchange. "I thought they were going to smash my car," says Day. "But I shall treasure the helmet".

Bottom line

THE British Antartic Survey is under attack from New Scientist for actions it regards as distinctly below the best. "No one could think of sending British women knickerless into the Antartic cold", fulminates the magazine. Yet that, it fears, is precisely

what is happening.
Traditionally the survey pays special underwear allowance women on its sojourns into the Antartic wastes. This year there are ten women on the survey, and says Barry Heywood, cost of silk underwear for them

all would come to £500. In "a woefully misguided piece of pennypinching", as the New Scientist, calls it, the allowance has been, in part, withdrawn.

In fact, a compromise has been reached and those venturing deepest into the icy interior will still enjoy the luxurious feel of pure silk.

We have withdrawn the knicker allowance to those staff who are just visiting the base," says Frank Curry, head of administration. "We've had to cut back a bit on the frills".

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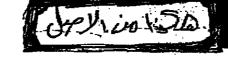
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It is good to see that, whatever Downing Street may say, re-porting in The Times is still regarded as the most reliable point of reference by the Royal Courts of Justice. At one stage during the Union of Democratic Mine Workers' attempted injunction against British Coal, speciators were confronted with the sight of both Lord Justice Mann and his assistant Mr Jusice Leonard referring to yesterday's copy of The Times while

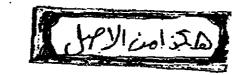
presiding over the case.

The judge was told by the miners' lawyer Peter Keenan that Hansard had not been able to supply the court with an ex-tract of the president of the board of trade's speech to the Commons. "The Times was the next best thing," a court spokes-man said. Quite.

■ Margaret Beckett, whose political toughness has led many to dub her "the other Maggie has revealed to The House Magazine that she comes from a long line of robust political women. The tradition, it seems, started with her grandmother. "She was known to have broken the windows of the Conservative Club because my grandfather was inside and would not come



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THE WEALTH OF NATIONS

Helmut Kohl must stop helping the French obstruct Gatt

The most powerful nations in the world have just walked away from a global trade deal that could have been a multi-billion dollar shot in the arm for their troubled economies. They have put at risk a trade-led recovery next year, millions of new jobs and the prospect of adding \$4,000 billion to the value of international commerce within a decade. Negotiations between the EC and America on the Uruguay Round, an ambitious six-year attempt to open up new markets, have collapsed - when both sides were within a whisker of final agreement over the single issue of agriculture.

Yesterday the European Commission made its customary attempts to shift the blame on to America. Nobody should be fooled. It is France, and France alone, that is holding the world to ransom. On Wednesday, knowing them to be President Bush's final offer, President Mitterrand ruled out French acceptance of America's latest concessions. The Americans, in Brussels for what they expected to be technical finetuning, found that the Commission had backtracked even on items they thought had been finally settled.

With evident satisfaction, the French government now assures its pampered farmers that, because of the American presidential elections, "serious discussion cannot begin for several months". Other governments fear, with reason, that unless they grasp the chance to close this deal before the American elections on November 3, they may have to wait years, not months. France's rhetoric camouflages the craven truth, which is that even though France stands to gain as much as anybody from the Uruguay Round, M Mitterrand will do nothing to provoke French farmers before the French parliamentary elections next March. The French have hinted that their next demand will be to unravel last May's reforms of the EC's bankrupt common agricultural policy.

The reforms to farm trade in the Uruguay

Round make sense in themselves. They are a first, cautious step to dismantling a runaway system of subsidies which both damages farmers in the world's poorest countries and costs the rich world's consumers and taxpayers \$300 billion a year. But much more than this is at stake.

The Uruguay Round would set new rules to protect intellectual property and open up new world markets in services and provide new, effective ways to settle future trade wars. The lowering of trade barriers it offers would be worth more than the totality of Western development aid to the developing world, and help the ex-communist countries trade their way out of trouble. If these sixyear talks falter at the last hurdle, welcome to the Great Depression of the 1990s.

Time and again, EC policy has been hamstrung by agreements among the politicians not to put their partners in electoral difficulties. In this case, such backscratching would be both pointless and pernicious. Pointless, because the Socialists are virtually certain to be defeated in March. with or without the French farming vote. Pernicious, because the whole world desperately needs this deal.

"All that is needed is for both sides to stay at the negotiating table," said John Major yesterday. He is wrong. What is needed is not excuses for further delay, but a clearly set deadline. Washington will return to the table if the Commission makes clear that it means to conclude a deal within days, and put it before EC foreign ministers. There, France is counting on German "solidarity" to prevent it being isolated.

Mr Major should call in his chips with Chancellor Kohl, asking him for once to put global prosperity before the state of Franco-German relations. If Herr Kohl says publicly that the only obstacles to a deal are political, and that Germany cannot let any country's domestic problems stand in the way, France will listen. He must break his embarrassed silence.

TIME FOR A FIRESIDE CHAT

■ John Major must soften up the public for austerity ahead

spirit of the Blitz and a collective sigh of nostalgia envelops the land. But suffering must have a purpose. If John Major is to ask the country for sacrifices in the coming weeks and months, he must persuade people that their reward will be more than virtue.

Pit closures will not be the last difficult decision the government has to take this autumn. Just as hard to sell may be a publicsector pay freeze, cuts in social security benefits, the new council tax and the Maastricht treaty. Backbenchers, bolstered by their slim majority, have discovered a new strength, which in turn is boosted by the size of their postbags. Ordinary people have a chance they have not had for 13 years to influence government policy.

This is true accountability and democracy in action, and should therefore be welcomed. But it makes life much harder for Mr Major than it ever was for Baroness Thatcher, with her majorities robustly insulated against rebel and enemy action. Mr Major underestimated the power of the people and their MPs over the closure of mines: he cannot afford to do so again.

The lesson he must learn is that unpopular policies can no longer be foisted on either the public or Parliament. Both sets of voters have to be gently prepared, almost stroked into submission. And that means far, far better public relations and much more forethought. If the government is not ahead of the game, it will surely be beaten.

How can such unpopular measures be sold? A public-sector pay freeze will doubtless have nurses, teachers and policemen marching on Downing Street. But Mr Major should be able to prevent the rest of the

The British are good stoics. Mention the country coming to their aid, as they did with the miners. Almost everyone in the private sector has already suffered either a pay freeze or redundancy or has friends or colleagues who have. A pay freeze should be sold as an exercise in fairness: all must suffer together.

Cuts in benefits will be very difficult to defend if they fall hardest on the poorest recipients. Yet this is precisely what the government apparently intends. Chary of the emergency legislation needed to freeze child benefit and pensions, ministers want instead to curb rises in means-tested benefits such as family credit and income support.

That would be both cowardly and counterproductive. Labour would call an emergency debate. As with the pit closures, the government would face defeat from its own backbenchers. The country would unite against the government. Whatever Peter Lilley thinks, most British people do not equate benefits with scroungers and cheats.

The council tax is fairer than the poll tax but Michael Howard will still need all his best skills to sell it. Fortunately for him, Labour has not yet come up with much of a case against. Maastricht is a different matter. Only if the prime minister concedes a referendum will the British people cease to suspect that the treaty is intended to benefit politicians, not themselves.

Mr Major has a lot of work to do. His most important task is to explain to voters why austerity is so necessary. He must demonstrate not just that the uplands will soon be sunlit but also exactly how the economy will move from chill to warmth. The British will be receptive to such an exhortation, but only if they believe in his `navigational skills.

WE ARE ALL BERLINERS NOW

■ The Queen's visit closes a tired old chapter

The eggs thrown at the Queen on foreign soil yesterday should not obscure the healing character of her visit to Germany. After months of diplomatic courtship between John Major and Chancellor Kohl, these have been Donner und Blitzen weeks for Anglo-German relations. It has been like old times, with British ministers trying to pass the blame on to the Germans for sterling's crash out of the exchange-rate mechanism, and the German government and the Bundesbank insisting with pittless Teutonic pedantry that it was all Britain's fault.

German plans to celebrate the launching of the V2 managed to exceed in lack of diplomacy the British erection of a statue of "Bomber" Harris. The more excitable newspapers and politicians in Britain whooped it up. The British still seem obsessed with their finest hour, say Germans who were not born 50 years ago. Their elders, while creditably accepting wartime guilt, can be pompous about being made scapegoats for modern Britain's troubles.

There were only a few boos and a thrown egg or two vesterday in Dresden, from neo-Nazis and other irreconcilables. Television concentrated on them, on the principle that good news is no news but uproar makes a splash. Yet the good done by the Queen's

visit will outlast today's headlines. Her achievement was symbolic. But people live by symbolism more than by subsidiarity. Symbolism is the last surviving

role of the monarchy, and the Queen is the most influential symbol in the world. So when the Duke of Edinburgh read the Beatitudes in German in the Kreuzkirche yesterday, and the prime minister of Saxony read the rest of them in English, it was a moving public demonstration that two of the main antagonists of the great wars of this century have drawn a line under the past.

The Queen owes her succession as head of state to George I, who ascended the throne in 1714 and founded the House of Hanover. She is Britain's best honorary German. When she walked through the Brandenburg Gate onto formerly communist soil, she was enacting in an international morality play the end of the Cold War that has divided and terrorised the world for the past half century. She was also participating in the proper pride of modern, prosperous, democratic Germany in its regained national unity.

Mankind does not live by symbols alone. It will always need the politicians and other fixers to arrange the details of the future, the treaties and the protocols, the nuts and bolts. But the Queen's visit to Germany, above the temporary distraction of flying eggs, draws attention to the larger picture. The two great nations, descended from cognate stock, joint heirs to European culture and language, have learned to live together. The Queen's visit underlines the progress made from mere cohabitation to genuine friendship.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Objectivity on pit closures

From Lord Lever of Manchester

Sir, I was myself for a brief period in 1969-70 the minister in charge of the coal mines. In my years in government I was well served by skilled and effortful civil servants. But in this department I came to the conclusion that the officials were governed by an inappropriate and undisclosed philosophy, namely, that they believed that deep coal mining was not an activity that should be continued in the modern world and that the sooner all our coal mines were closed down the better it would be.

Although when I was a minister I was normally much guided by the advice of my officials, in the case of this department I had no confidence whatever in them on the issue of

You report (October 20) Mr Heseltine as saying on October 17: "It is simply unfair to the people in this industry to go back on the decisions which have been made." This is neither sensible nor reassuring. What many thoughtful and knowledgeable people in the recent House of Lords debate asked was that there should be an objective review not a mere repetition of departmental judgment.

I heartily endorse this demand. To chant about U-turns is vacuous. Surely a purpose of a democracy ought to be to enable ministers to think again when widespread informed opinion presses for this and to give an opportunity for a careful and objective review of the merits of the original decision.

Yours faithfully, HAROLD LEVER, House of Lords. October 22.

From the Director of Aims of Industry

Sir, Public sentiments about the abandonment of Nottingham miners and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders are equated, correctly, by Simon Jenkins ("Time to call coal's bluff'. October 21) as having similar origins. He is wrong, however, to deduce that such sentiments spring from "total irrationalism".

Pure reason, for example, may ignore the fact that Mrs Thatcher's government might not have survived without the goodwill of the Nottinghamshire and other miners - but it is true nevertheless. Moreover, the solution to the present coal problem can be found in the dictum that it is nice when morality and exped go together. Plus, one might add, an acceptance of market economy prin-

There is an urgent need for a programme for coal. This would certainly indicate pit closures - with a sad impact on people concerned. But bids for pits and coal-fired power stations should be invited - including management buy-outs.

We should re-examine subsidising nuclear fuels and Sir Leon Brittan should be asked to examine the EC countries' subsidies for coal - and we should reconsider imports until this is dealt with. We should learn an essential lesson

of industrial relations: that timing, skill and sensitivity in communication are essential in dealing with any form of redundancy. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL IVENS.

From Mr A. J. G. Sturgeon

Director, Aims of Industry.

40 Doughty Street, WC1.

Sir. I agree with Simon Jenkins. I have long been associated with the construction industry, which has suf-fered from numerous recessions with hardship to many, yet each time has reorganised individually and collectively and pulled itself up by its bootstraps. Why should the miners receive exceptional treatment? They have my sympathy, as all made redundant have my initial sympathy.

but no more.

That said, I share the concerns expressed by some backbench Conservative MPs and, among others, the president of the Geological Society (letter, October 21) in questioning the lack of an overall strategic policy on energy. This lack is a legacy from the naive notion that regulatory bodies have the skill and means adequately to control commercial undertakings, particularly electricity.

Mr Major did not create this mess but he had better address it now with vigour.

Yours faithfully. ADRIEN J. G. STURGEON (Chartered engineer), Fairseat Cottage, Fairseat, Sevenoaks, Kent. October 21.

From Mr John Melvin

Sir, Simon Jenkins is right, that the furore over the pit closures is merely the pretext for discontent at a whole range of government ineptitudes and inaction. It is perhaps worth reminding senior MPs that in the real economy most of us. unlike those who have job security for the next 412 years. fear for our livelihoods. It is the miners today, but through the incompetence of politicians, tomorrow it could be us, however inherently viable our businesses.

Yours faithfully, JOHN MELVIN, John Melvin & Partners (Chartered architects), 15 Highbury Place, N5.

Response to Bingham on BCCI

From Lord Laing of Dunphail

Sir. No doubt there will be much comment on Sir Thomas Bingham's report on the BCCI affair, and there has already been much criticism of the role of the Bank of England.

What this criticism shows, in my view, is that the expectations that the public have of supervisors are unrealistic. The supervisors at the Bank are among the very best in the world and have an extraordinarily good record in maintaining financial stability in this country and in promoting high standards of supervision over-

In pursuing its supervisory re-sponsibilities, the Bank has to make some very difficult judgments, especially in cases where the survival of a bank may be in doubt

Such judgments had to be made in the case of BCCI, where the choices, in the critical period, lay between a messy closure on the one hand and acceptance of support from Abu Dhabi on the other, and it had to make those choices in the case of a bank estab-lished internationally, with no clear head office or home supervisor, which had, as we now know, a culture of criminality and deceit.

The BCC1 affair shows that the job of bank supervision has been transformed from a matter of domestic cooperation among parties who know each other well to a massive task of international surveillance involving criminal investigatory bodies and prosecutors in a less scrupulous world.

The Bingham report, which is critical of the Bank of England in detail, concludes that the Bank's decision to close BCCI in mid-1991 was appropriate and does not say the Bank should have closed it sooner. Bingham commends the Bank's general record of supervision and makes clear that the Bank is one of the most expert bodies in this field. The Bank and the government are plainly determined to put into practice the lessons of the BCCI affair, and I can think of no body better able than the Bank to carry forward the difficult task of pursuing and preventing financial fraud in banks.

Yours sincerely LAING of DUNPHAIL (Director. Bank of England, 1973-91), High Meadows, Windsor Road, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire. October 22.

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Strain at the top

From Sir Charles Powell

minister a shoddy piece of work. The prime minister was plunged into the Gulf crisis within minutes of taking office. From beginning to end. his most remarkable quality was implacable steadiness, however great the difficulties. That quality is just as much in evidence today as it was then.

Sir. I found your article on the prime

Carrying the ultimate responsibility is a lonely task, as other prime ministers have found. But to describe the most companionable of modern prime ministers as friendless is just silly. It is equally unattractive to sneer at a simple life-style. Most people expect and respect austerity in those elected to serve them.

Your editorials challenging govern-ment policy have raised the level of political debate. Why lower it again by relying on scuttlebut, humbug and knocking copy?

Yours faithfully, CHARLES POWELL (Private Secretary to prime ministers Thatcher and Major, 1984-1991). 3 Lombard Street, EC3.

Staff college role

From Air Commodore R. H. Gould

Sir, You report on your European News page of October 15 (early editions) that staff colleges of the UK armed forces have "no special focus on training for peacekeeping missions". To set the record straight, your readers may wish to note that selected members of the advanced staff course at the Royal Air Force Staff College have been conducting an in-depth study of all aspects of peacekeeping operations, as an elective module within the curriculum.

This work led to the production of a paper, entitled "Peacekeeping -Where Does Britain Fit In?". On October 12, the whole course attended a peacekeeping seminar at which the secretary general of Western European Union was the principal guest speaker. Thus, the minds of 61 British officers and our two civil servant course members have been sharply focused on the peacekeeping issue. I trust you will acknowledge, therefore, that the Royal Air Force Staff College, at least, is taking this subject seriously.

Yours faithfully. R. H. GOULD, Royal Air Force Staff College, Bracknell, Berkshire.

October 15.

Industry and transport From the Director and Chief Executive of the British Road Federation

Sir, A recent survey of nearly 1,000 businessmen holding board-level appointments in Britain's manufacper cent of the respondents believed road and rail infrastructure to allow it shore position.

The government is extolling British industry to take advantage of the floating exchange rate to increase

Threat to city squares From Mr D. L. Heath

Sir, Mr Blackburn (letter, October 9) has slightly missed the point of my letter (October 2) regarding CrossRail

As chairman of the Friends of the environment of these open spaces".

erence are to build a modern railway with the minimum of disruption and disturbance in central London and we will be producing architectural designs with this objective in mind. Our continuing engineering design is

Sir. In their feature article today, Graham Paterson and Andrew Pierce ("Can Major take the strain?", October 21) have illuminated a shadowy area with their perceptive review of the prime minister's domestic lifestyle.

From Mr Mark Dunn

A leader in a demanding position of responsibility needs a very readily accessible informal group, comprising a family and close friends, to surround and support him with love and intellectually relaxing and restorative companionship. This is especially true when he is repeatedly challenged by

What are reported by your correspondents as being the present arrangements for the prime minister's private life give grounds for extreme anxiety by all of us.

His family and friends should reflect on the burden his office imposes on him, and their ability to help him shoulder it.

Yours sincerely. MARK DUNN. Wildham, Stoughton. Chichester, West Sussex. October 21.

Communications need

From Mr Malcolm Argent

Sir, Peter Purton's article, "The nofuss single marker" (Focus, October 7), gives a misleading view of progress in establishing the competitive market in telecommunications in Europe. Europe desperately needs to create

a competitive infrastructure with quality and choice for business and residential customers. Trading conditions for European industry need to be comparable to those available to our leading American and Japanese competitors. To take just one example, in the key

area of voice communication there is no open market in public services. Private services have been liberalised by Community directive since 1990, but only one member state (the UK) has effectively implemented the necessary legislation. There is no sign at present of other countries following.

The single market in telecommunications is very far from being achieved. It will certainly come, but the slower it comes the more Europe will fall behind in the international race for competitiveness.

Yours faithfully. MALCOLM ARGENT (Group Director and Secretary), BT. 81 Newgate Street, EC1.

exports to Europe and lead the

to wait.

country out of recession, yet is making

it quite clear that the road and rail

improvement industry needs will have

Squaring the circle is never easy but perhaps the government should listen

a little more carefully to the views of

industry before making irrevocable

decisions about public expenditure

priorities later this month.

RICHARD DIMENT,

British Road Federation,

Director and Chief Executive,

194-202 Old Kent Road, SE1.

Yours faithfully.

Pillar House.

turing industry revealed that over 90 that the UK needs an improvement in to compete in Europe from our off-

and architectural excellence.

Finsbury Circus, he writes to you about "CrossRail's proposals to take over some of London's outstanding squares ... as work sites and dumps for five years and more which will ruin

However, our very terms of ref-

already identifying areas where we can lessen the impacts suggested by our initial outline scheme.

Worksites are required if London is to have the public transport system it needs for the next century, but we are committed to minimising their effect. One example of this is our plan to remove most of the tunnel spoil by rail from the tunnel portals and not leave it, as Mr Blackburn suggests in his letter, dumped in historic London squares.

Yours faithfully. D. L. HEATH (Director, Railways). CrossRail, Telstar House. Eastbourne Terrace, W2.

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Innocent victims of a 'free press'

From the Chairman of the Matthew Trust

Sir, Your report, "Press commission rejects privacy law" (October 19). states that in its submission to Sir David Calcutt's review of press selfregulation, the Press Complaints Commission believes that the introduction of a privacy law would

imperil democracy. Too often, in its "public interest" defence of intrusion, the press has claimed that it should have the right to be wrong. Lord McGregor of Durris, chairman of the PCC, goes even further in stating that "... if the press is free to behave responsibly, it must be free to behave irresponsibly The time has surely arrived when the innocent should cease to be the victims of a "free press".

In its submission to Sir David Calcutt and after consulting a number of experts, the Matthew Trust has proposed a law of trespass against the

... information about the individual, their home, their family and relationships may not be published without the consent of the individual; this protection, for public fig-ures and officials, and private individuals should apply except when their private lives have a direct bearing on their public duties or their work and thereby become a matter

Such a law would not "shackle the press" nor would it provide blanket protection for public figures, as some critics of a privacy law allege. On the other hand, it would protect those who are not public figures - something which the debate about David Mellor and the royal family failed to address.

Yours faithfully, PETER THOMPSON, Director. The Matthew Trust. PO Box 604, London SW6 3AG. October 19.

Council tax

From the Minister for the

Sir, I welcome the general tone, if not the pessimistic conclusion, of Colin Farrington's article on the council tax (Public Management, October 13). He identifies the importance of relative as opposed to absolute house values within any property tax and that subsequent price movements are. therefore, of lesser significance.

regional banding of property. This issue was debated at length but no one provided a satisfactory answer to: Why should taxpayers in identical houses in adjacent councils (e.g., Hillingdon and South Buckingham shire. Havering and Thurrock) and receiving the same level and efficiency of service, pay different amounts simply because they are either side of the Greater London boundary?" The question would arise at every regional boundary.

Mr Farrington doubts the wisdom of a single-person discount. Probably the biggest criticism of rates was its perceived unfairness to single adult households (30 per cent of all households). A structure of two (or more) adults meeting 100 per cent of a council tax bill, one adult paying 75 per cent and empty property either being exempt or liable for a 50 per cent charge has a commonsense logic which, I believe, will become as widely accepted as the tax.

Yours faithfully. ROBIN SQUÎRE, Department of the Environment. 2 Marsham Street, SW1.

Vanished sparkle

From Mr Jim Platt

Sir. Guy Fawkes night and Hallowe'en are not the only occasions when sparklers come into their own freport and photograph. October 19).

For years our family has kept a packet of sparklers hidden in a particularly remote country spot. This has delighted many a small family member when, on a long walk, an adult has suddenly disappeared for for a few moments and reappeared miraculously with crackling sparklers. one for each child, from nowhere.

Not any more. Today I put my hand in to find the little bag, yes, but no sparklers. Written on the inside fold of the bag were those never-to-be-forgotten words. "Kiljoy was here".

Yours faithfully. JIM PLATTS, 3 Station Road. Willingham, Cambridge. October 21.

Ties that bind

From Mr D. G. Lee

Sir. On a recent visit to London I saw. to my amazement, a well-dressed Japanese businessman wearing the tie of my wartime regiment, the Royal Marines.

I accosted him and explained. diplomatically I hope (I have a Rover car with an excellent Honda engine), that he was not eligible to wear that particular article of attire. He understood perfectly.

My wife thinks I made a fuss about nothing. Did I? Yours faithfully.

D. G. LEE, 3 Alderwood Close. Caterham, Surrey. October 20.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 22: The Princess Royal President of Patrons, Crime Contern, this morning attended the Annual Conference - Youth Crime Prevention at the Old Brewery, Chiswell Street, London. Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Corps of Signals, this afternoon received Major General Robert Cook on relinquishing his appointment as Signals Officer in Chief and Major General Anthony Boyle upon assuming the appointment, at Buckingham Palace.

October 22: The Prince and Princess of Wales this afternoon met members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Widows Association and Mothers at Windsor Castle. His Royal Highness, Patron, Royal Opera House, accompanied by Her Royal Highness, this evening gave an eightieth Birthday Party and Concert for Sir Georg Sohi at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Headway National Head Injuries

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will plant a tree at Westonbirt Arboretum at of The Queen's accession. or the Queen's accession.

Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will attend a stoopping day being held in aid of the society at Senrington House, Malton, at 3.20; and, as Grand President of the St John American and Britanda. llance Association and Brigade will attend a gala evening at Castle Howard in aid of the Order of St Humberside, at 8.15.

Luncheons Canada-UK Chamber of

The Canadian High Commis sioner and the Agent-General for Ontario attended a luncheon given by the Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Iain Hope, president, presided and Mr Brian Baldock was the guest of honour and BSCC

The Ambassador of the Ukraine was the guest speaker at a hun-cheon of the BSCC (British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce) held yesterday at the Dorchester hotel. Sir Norman Wooding, president, was

tended a Reception at the Cumber-land Hotel, Marble Arch, London Wl. Captain Edward Musto RM YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 22: The Duchess of Kent this morning opened the new Police Station at Haywards Heath and as Patron of the Spastics Society later visited Inglield Manor School, Billingshurst, West

Mrs Colin Marsh was in KENSINGTON PALACE October 22: The Duke of Glouces-ter this afternoon visited Northamotonshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenan

(Mr John Lowther).
His Royal Highness opened the
Harold Cockerill Sports Hall at the
Northampton School for Boys,
Billing Road, Northampton.
Afterwards, The Duke of

Gloucester opened the Towcester Centre for Leisure, Springfields, Towcester. Major Nicholas Barne

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean-Philippe Rameau organist and composer. Dijon. 1683: Francis Jeffrey, Lord Jeffrey, Judge and literary critic, Edinburgh. 1773; Adalbert Stifter, novelist, Oberplan, Czechoslovskia, 1805; Pierre Larousse, Lericographer. Young. France. lexicographer, Yonne, France, 1837; Robert Bridges, Poet Laure-ate 1913-30, Walmer, Kent, 1844; Louis Riel, Canadian insurgent, St Boniface, Manitoba, 1844; George Saintsbury, critic and his-

torian, Southampton, 1845; Douglas Jardine, Surrey and England cricket captain, Bombay, 1900; Diana Dors, actress, Swin-

don, Wiltshire, 1931. DEATHS: Thomas Pride, Parliamentary soldier, House, Surrey, 1658; Edward Stanley, 14th Earl of Derby, Prime Minister 1852, 1858-59 and 1866-68. London. 1869: Théophile Gaurier, poet and novelist. Neurily sur-Seine. 1872; W.G. Grace, cricketer, London, 1915; John Boyd Dunlop, inventor of the pneumatic tyre, Dublin, 1921: Zane Grey, writer of Westerns, Altadena, California.

1939; Al Joison, singer, San Francisco, 1950; Merie Oberon. According to James Ussher, Archbishop of Armagh 1625-56, the world was created on this day, Sunday, at 9 o'clock in the morning 4004BC. The battle of El Alamein began, 1942.

Dinners

Royal College of Physicians of London Professor L.A. Turnberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians of London, and Mrs Turnberg with college officers and fellows give a dinner last night at the college after Sir David Weatherall had delivered the Harveian Oration. Among those

The Barl of Stocknon, Professor Lord Adrian, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Exrorest Gerdener of Parkes, Lord Holderness, Lord Rayne, Lord Walton of Denchant, Lord Wigoder, QC, Lord Ashbutton, Lord Dahmon, Lord Flowers, Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, ASBURBURG, LORD MARIDAL LORD FLOWERS, LORD MACHAINE OF BEAUSCER, Sir Patrick Nairne, the Hon George weir, Sir Richard Lloyd, Sir Philip Omon, Sir Rumes Ackers, Frofessor Sir Eric Ash, Sir Bryan Askew, Sir David Barran, Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Beale, Sir George Blunden, Sir Walter Bodmer, Sir Robin Buchanan, Professor Dame Barbara Clayton, Professor Sir Colin Dollery, Sir Febru Emery, MP, Sir Ruy Griffiths, Sir Andrew Bundey, OM, Professor Sir Hans Kornberg, Sir Erby Laing, Sir Deriya Izadun, Sir David Lumeden, Sir Ruce Martin, QC, Sir David Napley, Sir George Pinker, Sir John Reid, Sir Rez Richards, Dame Russemary Rue, Sir Millam Shapiand, Sir Bernard Tomilisson, Professor Sir John Vane, Sir Magdi and Lady Yacoub and the Mayor of Camiden.

Royal Society Sir Michael Atiyah, President of the Royal Society, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall. Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Commu-nities, and Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick were the guest

Pathologists
Professor P.P. Anthony, President of the Association of Clinical Pathologists, presided at a dinner held last night at the Copthorne Tara Hotel, London.

Service dinners

Naval Home Command Judge A.G.Y. Thorpe was the guest of honour and proposed the mast to the "immortal memory" at a Naval Home Command dinner held last night at Fort Southwick to mark the anniversary of Nelson's victory at Trafalgar.

Commander A.W.V. Thomson

HMS Sultan Vice-Admiral the Hon Sir Nichoto the "immortal memory" at a dinner held last night in HMS Sultan, Gosport, to mark Admiral Lord Nelson's victory at the battle of Traisigar.
Commander P.W.H. Swan.

Commander, presided. Captain R.M. Kohler, RN, pre-

sided at the Trafalgar night dinner of the Anchorites held last night at the Café Royal. Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, was the principal guest and pro-posed the toast to the "immortal

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Church reborn: Billy Sollis, a stonemason, works on a weather vane during restoration of St James Garlickhythe in the City of London, which suffered £2 million of damage when a crane fell through the roof a year ago. The church hopes to reopen in spring

Church news

Next Bishop of Birkenhead The Rev Canon Michael Langrish. Team Rector of Rugby, and an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral, diocese of Coventry, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Birkenhead, diocese of Chester, succeeding the Refer Record Parents when ing the Rt Rev Ronald Brown, who has retired.

The Rev Michael Riley, Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Grove Park, Chiswick-to be Vicar, St Paul, Grove Park, Chiswick (London). Chiswick (London).

The Rev Victor Roberts, Priest-incharge, St. Peter, Correley, St. John the
Baptist, Doddington; St. Paul,
Knowbuy: to be Team Victor, Ludlow
and the associated parishes (Hereford).

The Rev Flaroid Stribley: to be Hon
Assistant Curate, Truro St. Paul and St.
Clement (Truro).

Marriages

Mr G.E.L. Gueritz The marriage took place on Mon-day, October 19, of Mr Guy Elton Lawrence Gueritz, only son of Rear Admiral and Mrs Edward Gueritz, of The Close, Salisbury, and Miss Deborah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Lin rdcott, Enfield. The couple will be living in

Mr W.M.R. O'Leary and Miss C.J. Talbot-Pos

and Miss C.I. Tallot-Pensonby
The marriage took place on Saturday at Hinnon Parva. Wilskine.
of Mr William O'Leary, eldest son of Mr David O'Leary, eldest son of Mr David O'Leary and Mrs.
Maureen O'Leary, to Miss Charlotte Tallot-Ponsonby, daughter of Mr Michael Tallot-Ponsonby and the late Judy Tallot-Ponsonby.
The Rev Anthony Pensone officiated

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Grace Durnan, Hubert Pilkington and Ibrahim Murkhayer. Mr Andrew Pattman was best man. The honeymoon is being spent

Mr L.J. Wadstein and Miss K.E. Phillips

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, October 17, at St Mary's Church, Easebourne, of Mr Leonard Wadstein, son of Mr John Wadstein, of Cannes and Mrs Elizabeth Wadstein, of Woodleigh, Devon, to Miss Katherine Phillips, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Phillips, of Stedham, Sussex. The Rev Prehendary Raymond Beck officiated, assisted by the Rev

Michael Judge.

The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Miss Philippa Shakedey, Miss Fiona Shakedey, Miss Rosemary Lewis, Lattra Ochoa and Jenna Phillips. Mr Christopher Whittington was

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Alamein dinner

The Queen, Captain General of the Royal Artillery, has approved that the annum dinner held annually at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, is to be named the Alamein dinner from 1992 to mark in perpendity the part played in the battle by the regiment. The Lord Mayor of London was the principal guest at the first Royal Artillery Alamein dinner held last night General Sir Martin Farndale, Master Gunner, St James's Park, presided.

Royal Thames Yacht Club

The Duke of York has been elected Commodore of the Royal Thames 'acht Club. Mr John Vernon has been elected Vice-Commodore and Mr Francis N. Read and Mr Paul

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D. Anbrey and Miss G.E. Shorter

The engagement is amounced between Jonathan, son of Dr and Mrs Roland Anbrey, of Maning-ley, Hampshire, and Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Shorter, of Churchill, Oxfordshire. Mr P.S. Beringer and Miss J.E. Baldock

The engagement is announced between Patrick youngest son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs F.R. Beringer, of High Halstow, Kent, and Janine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Baldock, of Rochester. Kent.

Mr ACL Criter

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Colonel BL. Carter, OBE, of Alverstoke, Hampshire, and Mrs C.J. Painfaint-Davies, of Dummer, Hampshire, and Victoria, daughter of Ambassador and Mrs P.H. Lindström, of Stockholm and

Mr N.R.W. Colverd and Miss E.C. Lancaster

The engagement is announced between Neil, son of the late Mr G. Colverd, and of Mrs Colverd, of Elstree, Hertfordshire, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Lancaster, of Broadwell.

Captain G.H. Davies
and The Hon Katherine Eady
The engagement is announced
between Captain Gareth Huw
Davies, The Royal Tank Regiment, son of Dr and Mrs Cyril
Davies, of Bath, and the Hon
Katherine Anne Dorothy Swinten
Eady second daysister of The Eady, second daughter of The Lord and Lady Swinfen, of Wingham, Kent.

Mr.I.W.M. Hallatt and Miss C.E. Bryan

The engagement is announce between James, son of Mr and Mrs W.H. Hallan, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and Kate, das Mrand Mrs D. Bryan, of Challons St Peter, Buckinghamshire.

diplomat, 71; Professor Sir Frank producer, 90; the Earl of Shannon, 68; Baroness Trumpington, 70;

Elizabeth Pow, of Hastern MrJLM and Miss M. Wolfor The engagement is annu

Mr P.W. H语 and Miss S.L. Farrant

Lancashire, and

and Miss G.C. Pringle

Mr R.F. Hok

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younger daughter of Mrs A.F. Farrant, of Shotesham, Norfolk and Mr J.A. Farrant, of Morningthorpe, Norfolk.

and Miss tall, France
The engagement is announced
between Richard, younger son of
Mr and Mrs R.A.A. Holt, of
London, SW7, and Georgias,
daughter of Mr Roger Pringle, of
Liss, Hampshire and Mrs
Thoulasth Drain

between Jeremy, elder son of Leslie and Bernice Lawson, of Perfit, Western Australia, and Munica, eldest daughter of Leslie and Alms. Wolfson of Whitecraigs, Glasg

Mulley and Mrs T.E.R. Pleagerabl Moure Michael Mulloy and Theda Pingerald-Moore, of County House, West Hou Dover, are engaged to be married in the New Year.

Mr C.M. Sharpite and Miss PLF. O'Leary

The engagement is anatomized between Colin, younger sun of the late Mr John Sharples and of Mas Moira Sharplet, of Datach, Sutherland, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Teresce

Mr J.C. Stagnetto and Miss S. Triay

and Mins S. Triny
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Stagnesto, of 10 Sandpits Lodge, Gibrahar, and Sophie, only daughter of Mr Louis Triay, QC, and Mrs Valerie Triay, of 308 Traininger House, Gibraham

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Bamford, chairman Sir Anthony Bamford, chairman, J.C. Bamford Group, 47: Mr George Cohen, foothaller, 53: Major Edwina Coven, former Chief Commoner, 71; Mr John Craven, chairman, Morgan Grenfell Group, 52; Lord Hunt of Tanworth, 73; Sir Archie Lamb, diskumat 71; Professor Sir Krank Lawton, professor of denial surgery, 77; Mr Iverach McDonald, former associate editor, The Times, 84; Viscount Masserene and Ferrard, 78; Pele, foobeller, 52; Ing. 10 Person 162: Sir Rainh Lord Renmant, 62; Sir Raiph Riley, agriculturalist, 68; Dr G.H.W. Rylands, CH, scholar and

Reception

The Lady Mayoress was at home at Guildhall yesterday to members of the Court of Aldermen, Court of Common Council, represent of the charch, city and civic organisations and city livery com-panies and their ladies.

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Honorary CBE

Dr Nirad Chandhuri has been appointed an Honorary Com-mander of the British Empire. The award recognises his services as a writer and journalist focusing on Britain's relationship with india.

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IN THE MATTER of WINDSOR LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

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IN THE MATTER of GRESHAM UNIT ASSURANCE LIMITED

IN THE MATTER of THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1992

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was on Thursday the 15th of October 1992 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice by the above-

named Windsor Life Assurance Company Limited ("Windsor") for: (i) the sanction under Section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 of a Scheme ("the Scheme") providing for the transfer to Windsor of the Transferred Business (therein defined). of the above-named Gresham Life Assurance Society Limited ("Gresham Life") and the abovenamed Gresham Unit Assurance Limited

(ii) an Order under Section 50 of the said

Act making ancillary provisions in connection with the said transfer. Copies of the said Petition, the Scheme, a report by the appointed actuary to Windsor Life, the reports by the appointed actuary to Gresham Life and Gresham Unit and a report by an independent actuary in pursuance of the said Section 49 may be inspected at each of the offices

of the said companies specified in the Schedule.

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Shirley Booth, American stage and screen actress, died after a brief illness at her home in North Chatham, Massachusetts, on October 16, probably aged 94. Reference books give her date of birth in New York City as Angust 30, 1907, but it is more likely she

was born Thelma Booth Ford in

1898.

SHIRLEY Booth never forgot the motto she learned in repertory theatre days: "You get your one and you come out acting." And that was exactly what she did. In an enormous range of character roles on stage, film and television, Booth came out acting again, and again.

Her greatest success arrived in 1952, when she co-starred with Burt Lancaster in the film version of William Inge's play Come Back Little Sheba. Shirley Booth played Lola Delaney, a woman struggling to cope with the alcoholism of her doctor husband and their barren life together. In drab clothes, including a grubby dressing gown, Booth slopped around the house clinging to her illusions, including those concerning the dog of the title. Her performance, a reprise of her role in the Broadway production of the play two years earlier, won her that: year's Academy Award for best actress, and the accolade of "the world's best actress" at the Cannes International Film Festival in 1953.

There were attempts to capitalise on this success, but she never attained Hollywood stardom and perhaps did not want to. She was not part of the glamour of the big studios, even cultivating a rather dowdy image. But in the theatre it was different. Her dues to the stage had long since been paid before she moved to the top of the bill. Leaving school in Hartford, Connecticut, at the age of 14, much against her father's wishes, she headed for New York to seek a stage career. There she

SHIRLEY BOOTH



Shirley Booth in the film of Come Back Little Sheba

was hired as an ingenue by the Poli stock theatre company, based in New York, which sent out tours across America. She spent the next four years acting in all the major cities of the Eastern United States.

Her first Broadway appearance was in the 1925 production of Hell's Bells, playing opposite Humphrey Bogart. York and take my chances, but I had to but when it closed after four months go where people believed in me. I had

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lasts longer. I love a good critic. I don't care if he pans me, if he does it elegantly."
Few did. Her reviews usually tended towards the ecstatic. Brooks Atkinson,

reviewing her performance in the 1954 Broadway musical By the Beau-tiful Sea for the New York Times, wrote: "The stage begins to glow the moment she steps on it and the audience melts, like a crowd of children whose imagination has been captured by someone they trust. No one else in the theatre has made native decency so human, so triumphant and

to keep acting so I could believe in myself." Altogether, she appeared in

The break came in 1935, when

Shirley Booth got a substantial role in the hit comedy Three Men on a Horse,

in which she played an inane but good-hearted gangster's moll. The play ran

for two years, and she became a fixture

on Broadway.

A professional to her finger-tips,

celebrated for never giving a poor performance, she had a realistic view of

criticism. "I'd rather have affection

than admiration," she said in a 1971

interview. "Affection is warmer and it

nearly 600 stock productions.

so captivating." Serious drama and light comedy came to Shirley Booth with equal ease. It was in the latter that she was the mistress of the one-liner. She achieved her greatest recognition on television, playing the title role of an irrepressible maid in *Hazel*, a long-running sitcom of the 1960s. The performance won her two Emmy awards, though some of her colleagues felt the role demeaning to her talent. Booth would have none of it. "Why not enjoy Hazel's success?" she retorted. "I'm as pleased as I can be. I like my work." And so did

Shirley Booth's first marriage, to Edward Gardner, was dissolved. Her second husband, William Baker, died of heart disease in 1951.

everyone else.

JIM GARRISON

Jim Garrison, the New Orleans district attorney whose conspiracy theory concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy formed

the basis of the recent controversial film J.F.K., died on October 21 aged 71. He was born in Dennison, Iowa.

TO HIS dying day, Jim Garrison never accepted the verdict of the Warren Commission that President Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone. He always believed that the Warren report was a hastily compiled document designed to forestall any possible national unrest. But unlike other doubters, of whom there remain many, Garrison was prepared to do something about it. In February 1967 he created an international sensation when he announced his own investigation into an alleged plot to kill the President.

Garrison believed that the Kennedy assassination was the work of a large group of conspirators, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency. As recently as 1989 he told the Associated Press that there were 18 people involved in the actual killing, including a number of Dallas police officers. But in 1967 he focussed his attention on a retired New Orleans businessman named Clay Shaw, who, he alleged, had plotted with Oswald and others to carry out the assassina-

tion. Clay Shaw was brought to court on conspiracy charges in 1969, but after a month-long trial and an impassioned closing argument by Garrison the jury took only 50 minutes to acquit him. Undaunted, Garrison filed a perjury case against Shaw the next day. charging him with lying when he denied meeting with or knowing his alleged co-conspirators. It failed when a federal judge took the unusual step of finding "bad faith" on Garrison's part, and stopped the case in its tracks. Shaw sued in return, accusing Garrison of malicious prosecution and gross violation of his constitutional rights, but died in 1974 before the suit could be decided.

Coincidentally or not, Garrison found his own career in trouble after his failed bid to pin down the conspiracy theory. In 1973, while serving his third term as district attorney, he was tried and acquitted in a federal court on charges of bribery and conspiracy to protect illegal pin-ball gambling. Weeks later he lost his bid for a fourth term by 2,221 votes, and unsuccessfully contested the election on the grounds of voter fraud. He disappeared from public life until 1978, when he won

appointment as a state appeals court judge.

Louisiana bench, where he stayed until his retirement last year, continued to be marked by controversy. Though his decisions were considered well-reasoned, and even literary in their presentation, he was accused of idleness and relying too much on his assistants. His critics complained that he refused to work on mundane matters that failed to seize his interest, and that he failed to mingle with his fellow judges. "He had no small talk at all," said one. "He tended to stay in his office for hunch and send out for a hamburger or a salad."

Garrison's service on the

Garrison had become an outsider, and the reason for his alienation — his refusal to join the establishment view of

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the Kennedy assassination continued to gnaw at his mind. In 1988 he produced his third book on the subject, On the Trail of the Assassins, which was picked up by the Hollywood director Oliver Stone and turned into the film J.F.K. Garrison himself had a small part in the film, ironically playing his nemesis. Chief Justice Earl Warren. His own role was played by Kevin Costner.
With the release of J.F.K..

which attracted huge audiences in spite of being savaged by the critics, Garrison once more found himself the subject of vicious attacks in the American media: this time sharing the opprobrium with Stone. The New York Times raked over the 1967 case against Shaw, accusing Garrison of fabricating evidence. abusing his powers, and concocting the conspiracy case "in an unworthy attempt to showcase his personal theories about the murder of John F.

Kennedy.
"In fact, Mr Garrison's sins were worse than that," the New York Times went on. "He had appropriated another human being to make a selfserving political statement."

There was no reply from Jim Garrison, who refused to speak to reporters. By this time he was seriously ill with the heart disease that finally ended his life, and could not even summon up much interest in the large cheque that arrived from the proceeds of J.F.K. "What shall I do with it?" he is said to have asked a friend. Judge Jim Gulotta.

It was, said Gulotta, a typical question from Garri-son. "He always saw the big picture. Details were for somebody else to worry about. He just wanted to know the bottom line."

In the matter of the Kennedy assassination, Garrison arguably searched as hard as anyone for the bottom line. He never found it. Nevertheless it can fairly be said that although his contentions could never be proved in court, his investigation raised issues that are still in dispute to the present day.

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William Witte, professor of German in the University of Aberdeen, 1951-77, died on September 22 aged 85. He was born on February 18, 1907.

IN 1930 William Witte took his doctorate at the University of Breslau and the following year left Germany to become assistant in the German department at King's College,

Aberdeen. Apart from one brief period, at Edinburgh University, he was to spend the rest of his academic career in Aberdeen, and to make Scotland his home.

Witte never seemed in any sense an exile. His English, whether spoken or written. was as immaculate as the suits he wore. He was also capable, at any time, of dropping into the local dialect of his adopted Old Aberdeen. As a scholar and Burns and other Essays contained tributes from grate-

Witte was meticulous and utterly reliable. His Modern German Prose Usage (London, 1937) showed the care which from the start he was prepared to devote to the. language-teaching side of his department, but it was as a Schiller scholar that he really established his academic reputation, combining his love of

the German classics with his

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she went back to repertory. For the next

ten years she would repeat the process.

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stage in short-lived productions, but

always returning to the touring scene.

"I was big in stock," she explained later, "I had a reputation and a public. I could afford to hang around New

outwards from the excellent teaching department he built up at King's College to encompass the rest of the United Kingdom. Witte's former students went out to hold positions in German studies widely in Britain. The special edition of German Life and Letters dedicated to him in 1977

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solved by lawyers acting upon legal principles. a circumstance which, it is hardly necessary to remind laymen, involved some not inconsiderable delay in their solution. Precedents had to be scarched for, weighed, and applied, the tion of the Dean and Chapter on the one hand and of the Bishop of London on the other had to be ascertained and considered. and the necessary legal documents drawn up. The result was the curious "Service of Reconciliation" held in the Cathedral on the 13th of this month. The ritual adopted was most simple. After the anthem the Bishop addressed a few words to the congregation

and directed his registrar to read the formal

petition of the Dean and Chapter to their Ordinary. The Litany and the 51st Psalm

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After a man shot himself dead during a service in St Paul's Cathedral a "service of reconciliation" was held. Many. though, thought the affair had not been

well handled.
were next sung, and the latter portion of the Commination Service read, and at the conclusion of the prayers the Bishop's registrar read out the formal sentence of

As the wording of that document has given

rise to a good deal of comment, it may be well to remind our readers of its general purport. It recites the presentation of the Dean and Chapter's petition, the allegations as to the suicide and inquest therein contained, and

the further fact that the petitioners had been advised that their church had been "by such

act of self-murder and by the blood-shedding

contracted and incurred by or through the aforesaid acts of suicide and bloodletting for Such was the service and such the sentence of reconciliation which have since given rise to so much controversy in our columns.

Whatever view may be taken of the necessity

consequent thereupon polluted and defiled."

and that a reconciliation was necessary. It proceeds to state that the petitioners had

accordingly addressed themselves to the Bishop, and then records that he, by virtue

and in exercise of his episcopal authority.

declares the said Cathedral Church to be

exempt, and reconciled from all canonical

impediment, and from every profanation

or otherwise of a Reconciliation Service and an episcopal sentence under the circumstances, it remains clear that the action of the Cathedral authorities is logically indefensible. The church either was or was not technically "polluted" the moment Easton killed himself within its walls . . . If the Cathedral was not polluted and profaned, why trouble the Church with a contentious service and ceremony at all? If it was polluted and profaned, why continue to use it for Divine worship and for the celebration of the eucharist for nearly a month in its unreconciled condition?

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FOCUS THE TIMES FRIL COURIER AND EXPRESS SERVICES

From leather-jacketed courier to jumbo jet, Bill Cater examines the rise and rise of the £2,500-million express delivery industry

A parcel of potential

few years ago in London's Aldwych, just around the School of Economics. there was a casual rallying point for idle motorcycle couriers. Blackleathered, helmeted, radios squawking, they leant on their machines to talk and joke until their own particular radio's squawk sent them wheeling

away.

It would have been a good place for the professors of the LSE to have taken their students for an illustrated lecture on commercial development, the evolution of business communications, the role of the entrepeneur, or a dozen other subjects, with examples.

For what has happened in courier and express-mail services in the last 30 years, and is still happening, is what happened a century or two ago in many other industries textiles, metal-bashing, chemicals.

Even the motor and aircraft businesses are almost old enough for industrial archaeology; but in courier and express services it is all happening now: the beginnings of the industry, one-man outfits, expansion, diversification, ra-



son: courier services exemplify entrepreneurial flair

tionalisation, big swallowing small and sometimes getting indigestion; the rise of giant multinationals with

newconers snapping at their beels.
The industry is new enough for figures about it to be imprecise, but in 1990-1 United Kingdom turnover alone has been estimated at more than £2,500 million.

New markets are opening up, in

Union, the Pacific basin, China. The scope of companies is widening from moving parcels between

bution systems for multinationals. Aircraft are being designed with express services in mind — even while calculations are being made on how Channel tunnel trains can snatch profitable European express

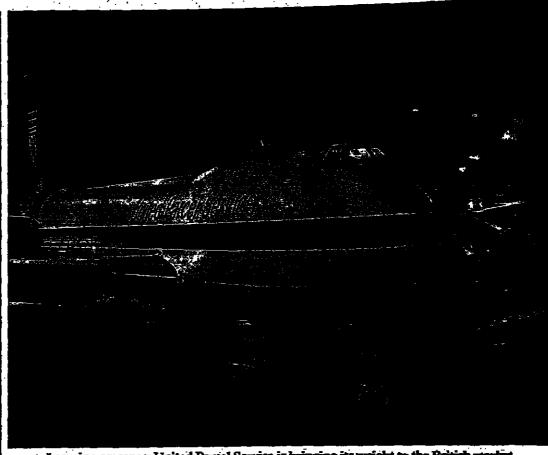
warehousing and worldwide distri-

To be a player in the courier and express mail business it would help to have a handful of jet aircraft, a fleet of trucks and vans, depots, warehouses, sorting hubs and a computer system, plus a lot of people who know the value added tax and Customs & Excise rules for part-finished industrial products brought to the European Com-munity from Taiwan via the United States for further processing and export to the Canary Islands.

still start with a few thousand pounds, telephones, radios, a town map and a few reliable chaps with motorbikes. They know that many companies now given to counting in millions are still run by the people who started just that way in the 1960s or 1970s.

A loner might even set up with just a telephone answering machine, a phone card, a satchel and a bicycle. Indeed, rumour in the industry insists that someone did. and made a living

After all, On Yer Bike was the name of a successful London bicycle courier business.



Looming presence: United Parcel Service is bringing its weight to the British market

Taking on the **Big Brown wolf**

The withdrawal of Federal Express has let in another American giant

ho's afraid of the Big Brown wolf? Is big really beautiful? How could Federal Express have got it wrong? The courier and express delivery industry is full of questions and short of

answers this automic Last year, the industry in Britain was headed by four big companies: the Royal Mail's Parceliorce, the American Federal Express, which had come jetting on to the Euro-pean scene as slickly as one of its own peacels, and the Australian TNT, and DHL.

Today: Federal Express has pulled out of the British domestic market and Europe because of large losses, selling its UK demestic interests to DHL has sold its UK com-pany Rian. Parcelforce is to be privatised when the government can work out how and

in place of Federal Express, a new American giant has known as "Big Brown" because of its brown livery.

UPS joins the other players in an industry where too many chasing too few There is fear in

though individthe trade ual camiers are proudly announcing highof the market has been down:

fear of

predatory pricing'

in hard times people dispatch fewer parcels, or send them by cheaper, slower services rather than the profitable next-day or express

there has been a reduction of 20 per cent in the smaller express traffic market and 40 per cent in non-urgent volume in the past two years. Despite this, Parcelforce managed to turn from a big loss to profit in the second half of 1991-2. But tages, according to its com-mercial rivals, which the rest of

the industry does not have.

A likely fate for Parcelforce is a government-aided managesuccessful privatisation of National Freight a decade ago.
There's an element of fear

in the trade," says Peter Kane, chairman of Business Post, fear of predatory pricing from both Parcelforce — trying to get into the best position for privatisation — and Royal Mail They can't go broke, they haven't the banks on their backs."

Others fear UPS more or

and Parceliosce might both launch thenselves on the tast-

ket with price cuts. UPS's UK managing disector, Peter Quantrill, is reassuring. If can understand the concern. But you don't become a successful company by cut-ting pulses to an intreasonable level. We will be sobustly

competitive."

Will UPS stronged where Pederal Express had to give up? Federal Express bintines its retreat on tough competition and on the fact that the Emopean and had not grown as quickly as expected. There were also problems

with integrating newly acquired European companies

Meanwhile,

with DPD in Germany, TAT Express in France and ASG Exact in Scandinavia — each a leading company in its own

en to sharing facilities to make the most economical use of Emery Worldwide and DHL have announced an agree ment to share aircraft and facilities in Europe and across the Atlantic DHL has also Nissho Iwai of Japan

French, German, Swedish and Dutch post offices to set Perhaps it is understandable that Tom Bell, managing UPS into the market as a quality player. It is good for the industry and will offer the customer an enhanced



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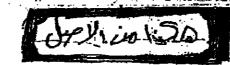
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Two wheels are better than four

o the distress of big-ger operators with hundreds of trucks and fleets of aircraft, the picture produced in the layman's mind by courier and express mail is of a messenger on a motor cycle. But a lot of the industry did begin that way, on two wheels, and one section of the business can still profitably say "four wheels bad, two wheels good".

Pony Express began in 1975 on two wheels. Six years later it was successful enough for Securicor to acquire it, but it was still small—its turnover did not reach £1.1 million until the following year, 1982.

In 1983, Pony Express opened a second branch. In 1985, it had six branches in 1987, nine; in 1988, 16, and a turnover of £8.2 million. In 1991, there were 27 branches and turnover nudging £10 million. Today it has 600 vehicles, but 300 are still twowheelers. There is nothing to beat a motorbike over a distance in and out of traffic.

Simon Baker of Security Despatch, however, knows Cycles still make waiting list for people who want to join us as cyclists. The the fastest city deliveries, says

Bill Cater

cycle for the heart of London a pedal cyclist. His company's business rests on about 50 of them and similar numbers of motor cycles and vans. He runs the pushbike side.

"I was a cycle racer," he says.
"I started in this business as a rider, then became a controller. Everyone in the business knows me as Paris, because that was my call-sign when I was on the road."

Today all his cycle control-lers are erstwhile riders: "It's too easy for controllers to push riders harder and harder if they haven't done it A rider might cover 30 miles

one day, 80 the next. Motorbikes beat them over a distance, but they are faster in the heavy traffic of the City and

number of university graduates among them is very high. and I think the cyclists are better motivated than on the other side of the business." he

Riding seems to become a way of life, a part-time way for some who work only two or three days a week, a way of seeing the world for others. "One of my riders worked in San Francisco, New York, Frankfurt, Berlin, Madrid, Boston, Toronto, Mr Baker says."As for safety, in the last four years, we have had just two accidents - and it's the drivers who are being

He regress that he has never come across the courier who is said to roller-skate about his work. "But there are people who do it out foot." That would not appeal to

Security Despatch. One of its selling points is a guaranteed one-hour delivery within its ten central postal districts. A-Z is another firm built on two wheels, first registered in 1980 and acquired by the

On their bikes: the pedal cycle is ideal for couriers in central London

Shirley, the managing direc-tor. "And we've taken a step

into fleet management, replac-

ing other business lost because

The London courier frater-

Securiguard group in 1990, who merged it with its five other London courier

Today it runs a courier fleet of more than 350 motor cycles, pushbikes and

nity is well qualified with the skills needed to go out into other sides of the industry, to "I've seen a 25 per cent increase in turnover on the change and evolve rapidly. year before," says Richard

That includes financial skills. "Clients have become much more serious about costs, and we have been able to provide highly efficient cost analyses for them. At the end of the month we can analyse what each of a customer's branches has had, allocated to

up to 999 of the customer's

Small fry pick at the big fish

he express mail and are now one of the top people courier business is still a below the big boys like game small players can play — and win, Charles Fredericks writes. When Securicor Omega Express drew a pie-chart last year of United Kingdom market share by turnover, it showed eight big companies sharing

78.3 per cent of the pie. The rest of the pie went to others", the smaller companies. With 21.7 per cent. their share was bigger than that of Securicor, nearly three times TNT's, three times Parceline's and five times Red Star's. Small is big business.

According to other calculations there are about 1,000 smaller operators, ranging from one-man outfits to quite significant groupings. But one thing is dear about small

operators: they can grow.

Peter Kane and his brother Michael have been in the courier and express mail business since 1971, when they started Business Post in Harrow, in northwest London. By 1985, their turnover was £2.2 million. Last year it was £23.7 million with profits of £1,750,000. "This year we are on target for £33 million," Peter Kane says. "I suppose we below the big boys like Parceline and TNT."

Business Post operates from hubs and 50 local franchise depots. It employs 460 people

and a 600 more work for its franchisees. Some of the industry's big fish huff about the smaller fry. Tom Bell, managing director of TNT Express, complains that many smaller carriers give all of them a bad name. "I'm surprised that customers entrust their goods to certain outlits, often when there is no insurance cover and no record

of service quality," he says. The trend for growth is reported by many small courier and express mail operators and confirmed by comments from the other end of the business. When Federal Express decided to withdraw with bruised pockets from Europe, Peter Child, the marketing director of Parcelforce. declared there was now almost a pattern of smaller companies

doing better than big.

Colin Millbanks.

Parceline's chief executive, agrees. "Big in the parcels business", he says, "is not necessarily beautiful".



Breaking even: Malcolm Kitchener of Parcelforce

Parcelforce gets ready for market

he biggest operator in the parcels industry is for sale — Parcelforce. which used to be Royal Mail Parcels, and before that just old-fashioned parcel post. But nobody knows yet when, or how, or at what price; and the private opérators it dwarfs are shuffling a little uneasily at the

Privatisation is a good idea. they agree. Competition is just the ticket. But Parcelforce is so big. Last year it had one third of the entire United Kingdom market measured by turnover - over £500 million, nearly three times as much as the next biggest operator. Securicor Omega Express, and nearly four times as much

as TNT's UK turnover. Only a fraction of that was in the best-paying end of the pen. I think the government is business, nextdelivery.

Nevertheless. every working day Parcelforce delivers nearly 750.000 parceis. It has not grown fat on them: in 1991-2 it lost £24 million. This might look bad, but the

previous year, the losses were more than £130 million. Now it is breaking even, says Malcolm Kitch-ener. Parcelforce's managing

And so it should, say the private operators. As a state postal service, it does not have to charge value added tax as its rivals do, which gives it a 172 per cent advantage. Admittedly, most of the private operators' customers can recover the VAT, but tying up that extra money when eashflow is vital and the extra paperwork can make all the difference in a highly competi-

tive market. "VAT is often cited by our competitors. Mr Kitchener says. "In fact the VAT rules hurt this business rather than help it - because we don't charge VAT we can't recover the VAT we pay on our

However, VAT is not the only complaint. DHL, one of the largest international courier services, recently published a comparison of the forms that must be filled for imports and exports. For private carriers, they run to 16 paragraphs; by

subsidisation within the Post Office. The private carriers questioned whether it was fair that profits from the monopoly Royal Mail letters should cover Parcelforce's losses. Who would buy Parcelforce,

and how? Peter Davies, UK managing director of DHL, says: "The government has no idea itself: it is discussing the privatisation with various people. With the recession the government might have to sell at a knockdown price."

Mr Davies agrees that, if an existing large company should bid for Parcelforce, the question of monopoly might arise. However, he says: "The fact that the sale idea has not been taken up seriously by anybody suggests it is unlikely to hap most likely to

go for a man-

agement buy-Government out. That was very successful with National is most likely Freight." to go for a sation is further confused by the management government's intention to sell

buyout Red Star, Britan affordable size and would raise no monopoly questions. Red Star has a much smaller share of the market, about £1 for every £8 turned over by Parcelforce, but it is at the

> Both TNT and Securicor Omega Express have been reported to be interested, but are cannily waiting for details. But what sort of deal might privatised Red Star do with a privatised British Rail for trains and use of track?

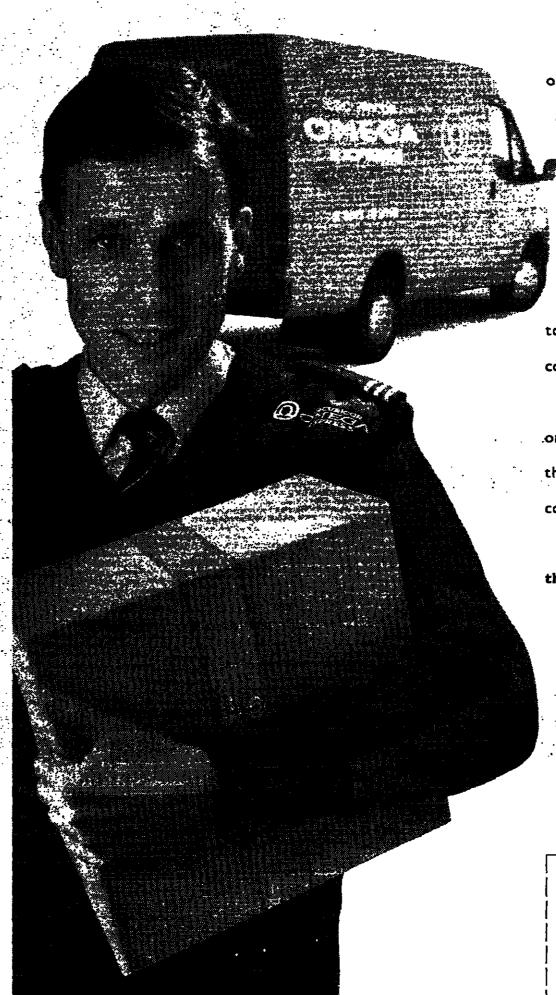
quality end, the express

The answers may take time because different government departments are involved. Red Star is British Rail is Ministry of Transport, Parcelforce is Post Office is Department of Trade and Industry. Sorting out the Parcelforce VAT position involves the DTI, which wants VAT differences to go, and Customs & Excise and the Treasury, which are concerned that no precedents are set which might lose revenue Whoever wins, it is unlikely

to be the tax collectors who

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Specialism is the key to success

hen competition's cold winds blow, smart traders look for a sheltered niche, a business area they can make their own. In 1992, niche marketing has proved valuable for express and small

big and small.

Distribution of Madonna's notorious book from publishers to bookshops, for example, is being handled by Securicor Omega. Express: not because the book needs particular protection against hijacking, but because Securicor specialises in carrying books.

"Ten years ago we identified the leisure industry — records, tapes, videos — as a niche we should particularly like," says Richard Benson, the managing director. "More recently we saw an opportunity with books. We have carried books for publishers for 15 or 20 years, we were already delivering to a great many bookshops so it made sense to target the book industry. Now we have 80 per cent of the record, tapes and videos business, and 45 to 50 per cent of books."

That's not Securicor's only niche. It transports 95 per cent of medical-use radioactive ma-

terials in the UK. And if you lose your bags on a flight, when they eventually get back to Britain the offending airline will most likely entrust Securior's Luggage Line with bringing them safely and apologetically to your door.

But the biggest niche of all, says Mr Benson, "is that we call at nearly every major bank and building society in the High Street collecting cheques for clearing." Emery Worldwide claims a big niche—for big loads. One of the latest was a parcel 30ft long and with a 5ft diameter: a giant turbine shaft weighing more than 40 tons to be collected in Germany, flown to New York and delivered to a crippled power-station. Emery's other specialities are carrying racehorses (1,400 in the last three years) and prize cantle by air.

Group 4 Nightspeed, a smaller company, competes with the big carriers with a niche in secure or fragile parcels, delivered overnight—computers, medical equipment, jewelry, financial documents—"a niche that will grow faster than the parcels market overall," says a



Business wrapped up: Securicor is handling distribution for Madonna's book Sex

Nightspeed claims to have been the first parcel-carrier to use a comprehensive tracking system for packages, and the first to use sealed roll-pallet cages, which protect loads

from pilfering and damage.
"Although the overall parcels
market is static. Nightspeed's
market-share is still growing,"
it says.

Security Despatch is sma

but with a rich niche: it guarantees 60-minute motorcycle or pushbike delivery within ten central London postal districts. Simon Baker, head of the pushbike division, says the

main users are "people handing contracts, and the financial sector — an hour can make a big difference when banking a cheque for £1 million. Then there are the creative people, in TV advertising, graphics.

"As a gross generalisation you could say they are people who work on adrenain: "This ad's got to be on the air in five minutes or "When do I want in? Ten minutes ago!" Delivering press-releases, videotape, film, cassettes, computer tapes. There's rarely anything bigger than AZ size, which you can carry on a bike or a motorbike, and in the heart of London

pedals can be quicker."

Perhaps the oddest niche of all is occupied by pigeons. When the express parcels market dropped, Bristol-based Amtrak launched Homing Express. Young racing pigeons can't always find their own way home, but owners can be traced by the number code on the bird's leg. Homing Express provides specially designed boxes to carry the bird's home, the same boxes carry birds from sellers to buyers, safely pigeonholed.

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On the nail, on the dot

Logistically speaking, there's no time like the last minute

In the past, "it arrived just in time" meant that some less, nearly too late. Now, though, "just in time" is high praise an organisation whose supplies arrive just in time is precise, efficient, economical, like those dedicated, fashionable Japanese managers.

It's so fashionable — who today would boast like a Victorian of full warehouses all that money tied up in stock?— that the words are trimmed to initials IT. And all the best express services help to do it.

The other fashionable management word is logistics.

The other fashionable management word is logistics, which used to mean the art of moving troops and their supplies, and now means calculating the best systems for moving anybody's supplies. Express services do that for their customers too. Putting the two together has come to mean that express mail firms increasingly provide the warehousing and do the logistical sums to ensure that their customers are kept supplied.

customers are kept supplied.

Not unmaturally, air-freight companies believe that there's nothing like air-freight for the job. For customers operating with extremely short inventory turnatound or product cycle times, says Emery Worldwide, "Emery has expanded its Warehouse Inventory System Express programme, which acts as a third party logistics resource to provide warehousing, which together with our express services can improve a manufacturer's sesponsiveness to its customers".

Companies are realising, says DHL's chairman Patrick Lupo, "that to develop a global business, their strategies must include logistics management. The first to integrate such strategies with worldwide manufacturing, distribution and inventory control will

strengthen their market position". That means cutting the time and money spent on transportation, inventory controls and warehousing.

"JIT has become fashionable because there are now global production cycles as well as global markets. Parts of cars or washing machines made in many parts of the world need to arme together, just in time, at the point where they are put fogether." says DHL's Peter Davies. "In this respect we are an integral part of such a company's production chain. If you like, we're a

moving warehouse."

Peter Kane of Business Post says of JIT demands. "You no longer need to have your goods located in a particular place in the UK, you don't need regional warehouses unless you are man very heavy goods. You can supply your customers with next day delivery from anywhere."

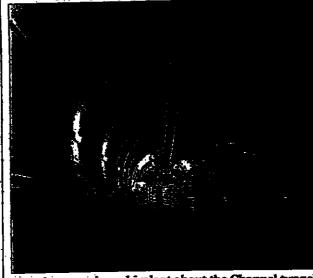
Securior Omega managing director Richard Benson
says warehousing and planning distribution are natural
developments for an express
carrier. "We warehouse throgs
like calendars and Valentine
cards. They are produced over
the months, and we hold them
until Christmas time or Febru-

any or whenever."

All the major international operators have set up logistics departments to solve problems for customers who find themselves increasingly into Europe wide or worldwide business. Logistics is not something aften to the express mail industry. Anyone who has, early in a caseer, juggled routes for a fleet of trucks to cover the most business in the least mileage would have no trouble in moving an army and keeping it supplied.

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Is there light at the end?



Couriers remain ambivalent about the Channel tunnel

part from shareholders and bad sailors, those waning most impatiently for the first train through the Channel tunnel may well be express-mail operators. Some believe the tunnel will enable them to set new standards for speed, economy and reliability in delivering between Britain and much of continental Europe. Others believe it will have little effect except as a tool to hold down terry costs. But nobody can be sure, say potential users, until British Rail can tell them what the service will be and how much it will cost, while British Rail cannot answer without

knowing the likely traffic.

Roger Harrison of Red Star,
British Rail's own express
parcels service, is quite definite, however: "There will be a
same day delivery facility on
most of the hourly-interval
trains, with customs clearance
at each end."

Red Star already takes parcels by air and by sea across the Channel, with same day services to Brussels, Paris, Amsterdam and Rotterdam, but Mr Harrison believes the tunnel will boost business, with plenty of capacity on passenger trains for sending documents and light packages.

"Further ahead there are plans for an express parcels service, a TGV-type train from London—not Waterloo, but a dedicated parcels terminal—to a big depot at Brussels airport, competitive with air services. You could do sorting in transit on a train like that, which you can't do by air. Leave London about 8.30pm, reach Brussels around mid-night return to London early

night, return to London early next morning.

A train costs about as much to run as an aircraft, but can transport at least five times as much. As the amount carried rises: of course, the cost percuts, ton becomes smaller. The response to the opportuni-

ties presented by the tunnel has not been wholehearted, however. Malcolm Kitchener of Parcelforce, the biggest UK operator, says cautiously: "If it is as valuable as it appears to be then we won't ignore it."

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DHL too seems to have drawn back from initial enthusiasm. In May it was considering switching some Paris-Brussels traffic from air and road to overnight rail. Now, however, managing director Peter Davies says: "The theory is that a lot of traffic will go by rail, and no doubt it will, also by truck on rail, be quicker than ferries. For a much faster service we will maintain our aircraft connections.

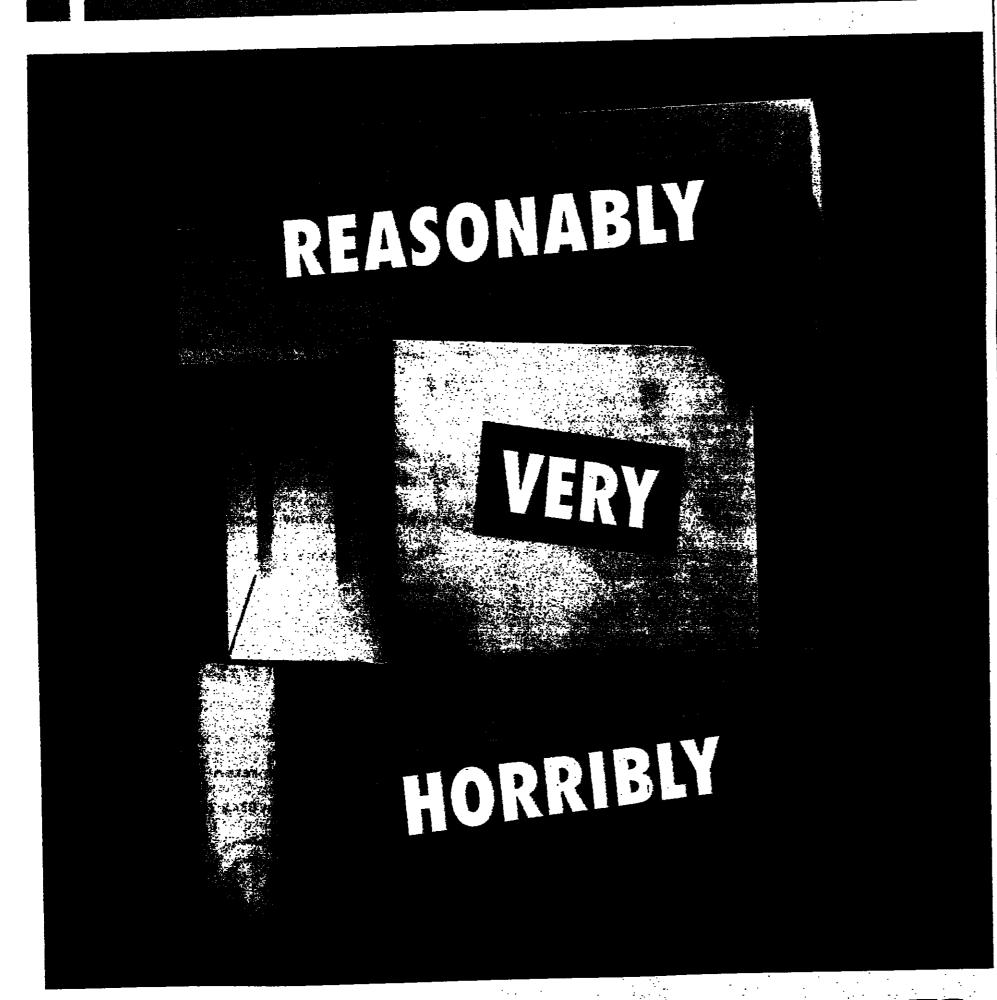
"In moving freight overnight to destinations such as Brussels there may be an advantage. I must say, though, that we've just conducted a test between Brussels and Paris by train and it did not go well: it didn't give us any cost improvement nor a time advantage. There will be a great switch from sea to rail, but I don't envisage a switch from air to rail."

e is echoed by Wayne Denton, director of European operations for Securicor, "The Channel Tunnel? Ask British Rail how many trains, what time, etc.; when they tell us we can make plans."

But overnight parcels traffic by air means late night and early morning flights into airports, which are bitterly resented. Already Emery Worldwide has signed a deal to use DHL facilities at Brussels rather than its own European air hub at Maastricht. One reason given was "increasingly restrictive night flight curiews". Even the Belgians may not

welcome night flights for ever.
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may come imp their own.

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Firms chip away at Post Office monopoly

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uropean Community nations should retain their monopoly on basic letter services but leave virtually everything else, from publications to international express and direct mail services, wide open to competition.

That is the view of the European Commission ex-pressed in a landmark green paper published in June. The commission wants common standards established across the £41 billion-a-year EC postal industry in time for the single market starting on Jan-uary I. Like all EC green papers, this is a consultative document, a basis for discus-



Johnson: in favour of limited monopoly

parties before the adoption of the end of 1994". firm legislative proposals. Reaction to the draft strate-

gy has not been uniformly favourable. Since the green paper seeks to chart a course between the extremes of continuing state-run monopoly and total market deregulation, it has attracted fire from public and private sector interests. The commission has tried to

be fair to both sides, to balance harmonisation of postal services, where that is seen as essential, with a basic commitment to some market liberalisation. Perhaps with an eye to Maastricht ratification, it has also been careful not to tread hard on the toes of national postal authorities. It has softpedalled on harmonisation and guaranteed a sizable "reserved area" of postal activities to national, and therefore

largely public-sector, agencies. Paul Thornton, PA Consulting Group's specialist in postal communications, detects "the voice of the corporate state -France possibly Germany and others - reflected in the commission's supine loss of nerve in adopting an unduly slow time-scale for market liberalisation". He thinks the commission should "insist on deregulation of all postal services, except the basic letter

sion and debate by interested service, in all EC countries by The commission has un-

questionably kept its nerve on the need to improve standards of cross-border, intra-community mail. The green paper condemns the poor quality of competition would be the best spur to improvement. A senior EC official says: "This is where single-market imperatives. commercial considerations and economics combine to make a particularly strong

case for liberalisation."
However, postal unions and consumer groups argue that liberalisation must be balanced by care for consumer interests. Alan Johnson, the leader of the Union of Communication Workers, acknowledges that the green paper was greeted with relief by postal unions.

There is more with which we agree than disagree," he says. But he disagrees profoundly with a key proposal to end domestic postal administrations' monopoly on cross-border mail. "If they are required to maintain a social obligation to collect, transport and deliver mail anywhere in the European Community or the world, they need to maintain a limited monopoly to achieve the economies of scale



Quick change: mail in transit at East Midlands Airport. The Post Office believes market restrictions are necessary

effectively," he says.

Like most other trade-union critics: Mr Johnson pours scorn on the idea that freeing cross-border mail will extend customer choice. He says it will simply allow private companies to cream off the most lucrative business.

The Post Office — which generally endorses the green paper - opposes the exclusion of direct mail from its reserved area. "This would lead to

cream skimming and could force post offices to introduce zonal pricing," Bill Cockburn, the chief executive, says. Mr Thornton says: "Some restrictions on free competition are essential if rural householders are to continue to enjoy the benefits of universal access and uniform pricing. The issue is balancing the interests of different consumer groups: rural households against businesses and urban consumers."

Private industry spokesmen

do not believe the green paper has achieved balance at all. Despite lauding it as "the most comprehensive and authoritative statement on European postal services ever produced". Geoffrey Cruikshanks, DHL's regulatory affairs director, is critical. "Problems and opportunities have been seen too much from the post offices' point of view. At times, the green paper reads like a business plan for European post

offices trying to exploit oppor-

over-simplifies, fails to distinguish adequately between the Community's need for eff-icient cross-border services and the social need to ensure that the remote areas are served by efficient and afford-

able postal services." Mr Cruikshanks says that since only 4 per cent of postal services in the EC are crossborder and intra-community. the social dimension exists only at regional, or at most

need to service the old lady on the Welsh hillside will remain largely unaffected by 1993."

DHL and other express delivery companies are challenging European post offices for a bigger slice of the cake. They are suing Chronopost, an arm of the French post office, for unfair competition. DHL is itself being sued by the Bundespost for violation of Germany's postal monopoly. These disputes arise out of uncertainty." Mr Cruikshanks says. "We hoped the green paper would provide a clear indication of the regulatory framework that was to exist.

We were disappointed."
TNT, one of DHL's competitors, also finds much to criticise in the green paper. Tim Bye, corporate affairs manager, says: "It has failed to produce a shred of hard evidence that domestic postal monopolies need a special reserved area to provide their services. Mr Bye also disputes union claims that further liberalisation will prejudice the provision of services. He observes that Sweden is abolishing its national postal monopoly next year. Private and public postal agencies may well find it an instructive model.

DAVID RUDNICK

Time to find missing link

har do Trakbak, Universe, Halcon, Flic, Trans. IT, AMS and Emcon have in common? They are all computer systems used by express mail and courier companies. What do they not have in common? An ability to communicate with all the others. Computers have been helping the industry for a long time and they are necessary for even small operators.

Emcon is Emery Worldand computer information network at Dayton, Ohio — its hub — which handles air waybills and data entry. Universe is TNT's UNIform VER- data interchange capabilities. satile System for Europe. When Parceline went seeking which will teen deal with partners in Europe one of the ing, operations engineering and personnel, and give instant access to information for depots in Britain. Spain and Germany. Trans IT is a percomputer-based desand management information system for install-ing in the offices of Securicor Omega customers.

Flic is a system used by express mail operators clearing consignments through customs. AMS — Automated Manifest System - is a similar system used by the US cus-

Even quite small companies now use computer systems, such as TRAKBAK, with barcode labelling to trace pack-ages and keep customers informed of any delays. There is one snag. Few systems are compatible. Passing information from company to company for a package that both have handled probably means printing out the details, passing over the piece of paper, and then re-keying them into

the other computer. Attempts are being made to unify the systems but the cost of modification or replacement deters many firms. TNT is spending more than £2.6 million on improving its systems; a system enabling Red Star customers to link with its mainframe for proof of delivery and invoices cost £750,000; a five-year computer investment by Securicor will cost £25 million.

But the lesson is being wide's global communications learnt. When Emery won a two-year contract as No. 1 air freight carrier for General Motors one of the success factors was Emery's electronic partners in Korope one of the Millbanks, Parceline chief, was "they had to operate electronically a tracking and tracing system derived from har code technology and they had to have the facility to harwith Parceline's monise

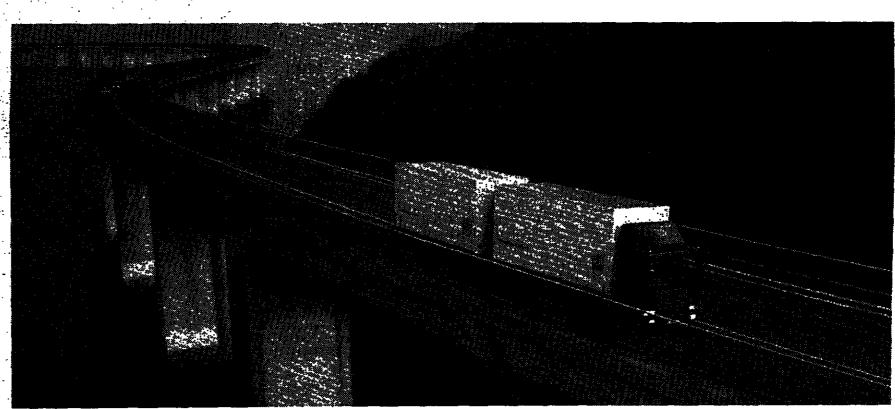
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Eastern express on the move

xpress mail business with former Communist states has shown explosive growth according to one Western operator. TNT Express Worldwide was able to report an increase of 50 to 55 per cent throughout eastern Europe on the previous year, despite a cut in services to Yugoslavia.

Poland, Russia and Czecho-

slovakia were in the top six of the company's worldwide list of fastest growing operations. A Helsinki-St Petersburg service, vital to the development of a Russian network, has been set up as well as an air freight service to Moscow.

There is no doubt about the potential in international mail, documents, parcels and freight as the economies of these countries develop," says John Monaghan, TNT's net-work development expert. "We are investing in people, vehicles and information technology: resources are even being reassigned to east Europe from other regions

that are not doing so well.
"Our priority for the coming years is to turn Czechoslovakia and Russia into 'stand alone' operations. Already our opera-

tion in Poland is near 100 per cent Polish-staffed." Royal Mail Parcelforce has also taken advantage of falling trade barriers in castern

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Europe Emery Worldwide has had a Russian agent and partner, Inservice Airfreight, since the end of 1990, which has just opened the first pri-vately operated bonded warehouse to be built at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport. Demand for air cargo services to Moscow and transhipment on to the CIS is rising, says

Emery.

Michele Keadler, markering manager for DHL in eastern Europe, says her com-pany's involvement in the area produced gross revenues of \$10.5 million (£6.4 million) in 1991 making it market leader there with an estimated 65 per cent share of air express trade. Most of this is in carrying documents between stateowned trading companies and banks, with London the most popular destination.

Were there problems for international carriers when the Soviet Union, with one customs service, split into a number of states each with its own customs barriers? No. says Peter Davies, DHL managing director UK. "There was some confusion, but it didn't last. It was recognised that, while customs have their responsibilities, they can't be allowed to hinder their coun-

tries' growth." THOMAS HELLYER Call 0800 456789 for further information.

NEWS

BCCI: fraud warnings 'ignored'

A damning report from Lord Justice Bingham on the collapse of BCCI brought a package of banking reforms from Norman Lamont, the Chancellor. The Bank of England will be given increased powers to close banks

■ The report denounces the regulation of BCCI as "a tragedy of errors, misunderstandings and failures of communication", saying the Bank of England ignored repeated warnings of fraud. .Pages 1, 5, 17, 29

Maastricht bill next month

John Major returned to the offensive on Europe and the economy. The Maastricht bill will be brought before the Commons by the end of next month and plans for large scale infrastructure spending emerged in Whitehali...........Page 1

Hurdles ahead

John Major has stopped the haemorrhaging this week, but his government is still a long. long way from recovery. It is too soon even to say that the convalesence has started. Peter Riddell looks at hurdles ahead for his ... Page 2

Life sentences

Leslie Bailey, 39, of Hackney, east London, a convicted child killer, was given two terms of life imprisonment yesterday after admitting the manslaughter and buggery of Mark Tildesley, 7. who disappeared in 1984 after visiting a fairground near his home at Wokingham. BerkshirePage 3

Treasure offer

Britain has a chance to secure a private collection of Islamic art said to be worth £1 billion and described as the finest in the world. But are there too many strings attached? Page 5

Hospital threat

After months of rumours, Londoners will learn today which teaching hospitals are to be recommended for closure. The Tomlinson report will say that it has too many teaching hospitals. too many specialist units for such services as kidney dialysis and plastic surgery, and too many research hospitals..... Page 6

Legal aid dispute

Mark Sheldon, president of the Law Society, described proposals for fixed fees for legal aid work as

"ill judged, ill planned and ill structured" 48 hours before the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, gives a keynote speech on legal aid Page 7

Monrovia battles

West African peacekeepers in Liberia used air and sea bombardments yesterday to stop an attack by Charkes Taylor's rebel forces on Monrovia, the capital, as thousands of refugees fled into .. Page II

Gatt collapse

The world lurched toward trade war last night as the Gatt talks collapsed. American trade negotiators flew home and John Major, president of the European Community, sharply criticised Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, for telling French farmers it would be months before the negotiations could be Page 12

Divided nation

Omens for peace in what was once Yugoslavia are far from good, with factional leaders changing their tune to suit their military positions as Serbs and Croats battle to divide Bosnia-Herzogovina.....

Private army

A gun battle outside the Russian parliament - in which a guard died and another was hurt in a clash with police - has increased suspicions that White House guards have formed themselves into a private army outside the control of the authoritiesPage 13

Walking to Mars' southern pole

While Ranulph Fiennes readies himself to walk across Antsights on another expedition 450 million miles away trekking across Mars' southern pole. He has identified a 400mile route from photographs taken by space probes and hopes to persuade Nasa he has a viable proposition...Page 3



Roy Link, the moderate miners' leader, with supporters after his protest 1,200ft down the Silverhill pit in Nottinghamshire Page 9

BUSINESS

Second leg: The British Chambers of Commerce said the economy was now in a second leg of recession. Exports and imports fell last month, leaving the visible trade deficit at just over £1 billion, a fall of less than £100 million on August Page 25 figures ... Property sale: A Basildon industrial estate and three shopping parades came up for sale at auction. But half the lots fail to reach reserves at the Mayfair HotelPage 25 Markets: The pound rose 2.68 pfennigs to DM2.4574 and by 0.97 cent to \$1.6242, taking the trade-weighted index from 79.7 to 80.4. Shares rose for the third day running helped by hopes of a further interest rate cut. The FT-SE 100 index closed 12.4 points up at

SPORT

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Sent off: Bruce Grobbelaar was sent off as Liverpool lost 4-2 to Spartak Moscow in European soccer in Moscow yesterday. The score was 2-2 when he brought down an attacker, conceding a penalty and getting a red card. David Burrows, who took over, could not save the Page 48 penalty..... Sponsorship ends: Barclays are to end their six-year sponsorship of the Football League "for commercial reasons" at the end of the Cricket history: Zimbabwe drew with India in Harare to become the first country to avoid defeat in its first Test since Australia beat Eng-... Page 46 land in 1877

MOBILE PHONES

Keeping in touch: Despite several delays and false starts, a single mobile telephone network that can be used throughout Europe is likely to come into commercial service by the end of this year Pages 33-34

INFOTECH

Mine of information: A modern Domesday Book is in the making. The widely accessible, updated computerised version will be especially valuable in making planning decisions. . Page 42

SPECIAL REPORT

Express services: The scope of the UK market for courier and express services is worth \$2,500 million a . Pages 20-23

Elizabeth Peacock,

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ing with Labour after

speaking up for the miners, finds she has

plenty of support Page 9

Applied arts: The V&A's new Twentieth Century Gallery reviewed by Richard Cork: Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava's RIBA London exhibition reviewed by Marcus Binney Page 37

Reviews: Making It Better, with Jane Asher: exactly the sort of piece for which the Criterion is perfect. says Benedict Nightingale: The Dutch Courtesan - Jacobethan charmlessness at the Orange Tree. Richmond: "New Voices" - three plays by new young writers, at the Royal Court Theatre Upstairs (Martin Hoyle)......

Opera: Carmen as spectator sport: National Indoor Arena, Birmingham (Richard Morrison). Page 39 of the argument......

Storm force: In the desert General Norman Schwarzkopf would compose verses about the eternal winds and the essential littleness of man ... The combination of Iron John and Rupert Brooke, the soldier of sentiment, is irresistible. Valerie Grove meets him

In wake of the quake: The devastation and panic of Cairo's earthquake provided the Islamic extremists with the perfect stick with which to beat an administration they are determined to overthrow.. Page 15

Hidden agenda: In the run up to the crucial vote by the Church of England synod on women priests, Ruth Gledhill explains both sides

The tide is turning for Edward Browning,

US electors getting used to the thought

that a president's wife

may be clever, public

spirited and forceful?

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Tonight's choice

Not by Newsnight alone: politicians continue to be amazingly amenable to the heaping of indignity. Tonight's candidates are Charles Kennedy on Have I Got News For You and David Mellor on the return of Clive Anderson Talks Back

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No rubber stamp

The lesson (Mr Major) must learn is that unpopular policies can no longer be foisted on either the public or Parliament. Both sets of voters have to be gently prepared, almost stroked into submission. And that means far, far better public relations and much more forethought...

Royal warrant

There were a few boos and whistles. and a thrown egg or two yesterday in Dresden, from neo-Nazis and other irreconcileables... Nevertheless, this week's visit of the Queen to Germany will do more in the long term for Anglo-German relations and the unity of Europe than all the painstaking diplomacy of polincians, bureaucrats and

SIMON JENKINS

It was the noblest nationalisation. When the history of postwar Britain is written, nothing should be so lauded as the way the great houses of England were brought into public ownership....Displaying the past is a talent at which Britain

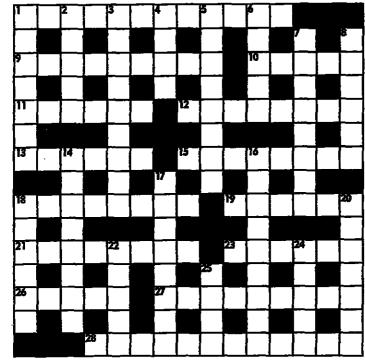
NICHOLAS BETHELL

The last piece has been discovered of a puzzle that has bedevilled historians and governments alike ever since April 1943, when the bodies of 4,000 Polish officers were unearthed in mass graves at Katyn, near Smolensk, in western

Lord Laing of Dumphail, a director of the Bank of England until last year, writes that criticism of the Bank in the Bingham report on the BCCI affair is unjustified. Page 17

Inkatha blames the ANC, the ANC blames inkatha and the security forces and the government blame tinue to turn a blind eye to the excesses of their members. Their own intemperate utterances contribute to the atmosphere of lawlessness - Johannesburg Star

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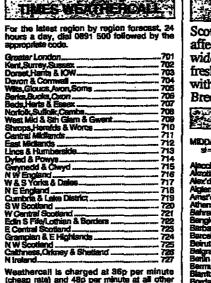


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- 13 Pass university course in French town (6).
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- peaking (8). 23 Cursorily examine pitheads before closure of mine (6). 26 Record books always around (5).
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- 27 Busy spinster May, say, turned over the cake (2,3,4). 28 People being given drugs may become nervous (3,3,6). DOWN
- Got rescued when in distress (7). 2 Dress with a flared skirt, by the sound of it (5).
- 3 Girl's irritability gives rise to complaint (9).
- When hands get together, no-body lacks energy (4). 5 When cut down, are glad rags found in a factory? (8).
- 6 Monks in command (5). 7 Aspirate required to 'hanger-on' (8). 8 Cheat has to run away from church (6).
- 14 Curse water on top of old vehicle 16 The main sort of block to be seen from the air when coming in to land (3,6).
- 17 Someone outstanding in competition (5-3). Policeman with two characters in custody (6). Support express in letters (7). sed ambiguously
- 22 Correspond, getting a note in time (5). 24 The public promise to accept money (5).

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Gary Glitter

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The small town of

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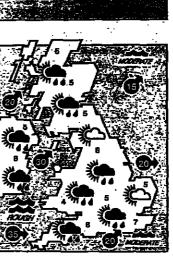
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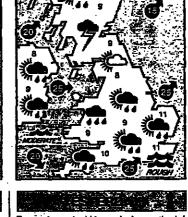
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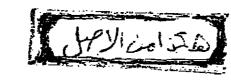
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Exports and imports shrink

US and Germany follow Major's dash for growth

By Anatole Kaletsky

SHARP falls in both imports and exports in Septem-ber offered additional justifications for John Maior's commitment to a new strategy for growth".

With the signs of weakness in the international economy multiplying, key policymakers Germany, America and Italy indicated that they, too, would put more stress on promoting economic growth and cutting

interest rates. The volume of British exports declined 2.2 per cent while the volume of imports fell 2.8 per cent in September. to produce a slightly reduced visible trade gap of £1.2 billion in the month. Answering questions in Parliamanet shortly after the trade figures were released. John Major repeatedly cited the weakening of the world economy as one of the main reasons for his-

policy U-turn. In Germany, the finance and economics ministers issued remarkably similar mes-sages to those of the British prime minister about the dangers of recession in Europe and the need for the German government and Bundesbank to agree on a strategy that would "give priority to boost-ing growth". While Bundesbank officials did not comment on the apparently co-ordinated calls for growth from Theo Waigel and Juergen Mölleman, the fi-

nance and economics ministers, they confirmed that German interest rates were now on a downward trend. Meanwhile in America, Robert Parry, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, declared that the Fed would not rule out further cuts in American interest rates

from their present 3 per cent.

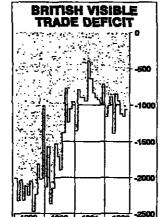
given persistent sługgish eco-

Britain's biggest trading partners are following John Major's "strategy for growth"

nomic performance and our expectations of only a modest expansion". He added that the progress made in America against inflation offered the central bank "greater latitude to respond to weakness in the economy" if this was required.

In Italy, Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, said that lower interest rates would play an essential part in his government's programme to reduce the country's swollen government deficit. The bond market soared by almost two full points after the parliament passed several of the most controversial provisions in the government's budget bill.

While there was no sign of international co-ordination in yesterday's series of official statements, they underpinned the widespread hopes in financial markets for further



also confirmed the growing disquiet among world leaders about the dangers of an international economic slump. Apart from Britain, where

Mr Major underlined to Par-

liament his new-found commitment to generate growth and jobs, the clearest signs of a change in tone came from Germany, where Herr Mölleman warned of "alarming" trends in "core areas of the including cars, economy" including cars, chemicals and engineering and added that rebuilding the eastern economy would be impossible without adequate growth in the west. Herr Waigel stressed that "every percentage point of extra growth generates extra revenue of DM7 billion" and added that "in order to shoulder the present challenges, we must therefore give priority to boosting growth"

For Britain, the warnings about a world economic slowdown were manifested in the September trade figures. These showed a current account deficit of £963 million. compared with £1,051 million in August. Government statisticians said the effects of the substantial interest rate cuts pound's devaluation after its around the world, but they went from the ERM on September 16 had little impact on the month's figures.

The underlying trade gap, which excludes earnings from oil and erratic items such as aircraft and precious stones, provided a brighter picture. This deficit narrowed by more than £350 million to £1.3 billion, after an unusually

high figure in August. Invisible items, such as banking, insurance and tourism, were estimated to be £100 million in surplus in September. Excluding invisible items, the deficit in traded goods was £1.063 million — a drop of less than £100 million on the

Chambers survey shows UK in second leg of recession

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE economy has moved into the second leg of a double-dip recession, the British Chambers of Commerce said. Bank of England official close (4pm) Sharp falls in almost all STOCK MARKET measures of economic activity - sales, orders, investment, employment and confidence - were recorded by the chambers' third-quarter business

survey, published yesterday. The survey, which has accurately charted the course of the recession, was conducted among 8,242 firms, including 461 large companies, collectively employing 1.3 million people. Sampling was completed on September 25, nine days after sterling was forced out of the European exchangerate mechanism.

Manufacturing orders for domestic and export markets have shown the steepest fall since the survey began in

1985. The rate of job-shed-ding has increased, and business confidence has declined to levels of a year ago, when the first slide into recession was at its worst.

Christopher Stewart Smith, the chambers president, said the results were deeply disturbing. The economy "is now on a second leg of recession". He criticised the government's handling of the coal closure announcement and the repeated failure of ministers to set out a clear economic strategy after ERM withdrawal. 'Crisis management of this

kind is just what British business does not need," he said. "We need long-term, sustainable strategies and a stable environment within which to operate and build confidence." The organisation was wary of pressing for further cuts in

interest rates, fearing that any new instability in the pound could reverse any boost to confidence from cheaper money. Mr Stewart Smith said the government should be wary of any resurgence in inflation, but that inflationary pressures, like consumer demand, were "dead weak".

The latest survey showed fewer than one in five companies working at full capacity. At the end of the second quarter, manufacturers had been, on balance, experien-cing growing orders. But in the third quarter, 22 per cent more manufacturers suffered falling orders than growth. Export orders also dropped, with 6 per cent more companies reporting a fall than a rise. That compared with a positive balance of 10 per cent at the

"We have spent lots of time getting the back and the front of the shop in order. Now we have to work on getting more pairs of feet coming through the front doors," Mr Bloom The group's balance sheet has been strengthened, and a

A better fit: John Richardson, Sketchley joint deputy chairman, is looking to food and hotel chains for business

Sketchley to limit blow trom mines

By COLIN CAMPBELL

SKETCHLEY, the dry cleaner, whose business links with British Coal once dominated its textile services division, believes that increasing business with other enterprises, including food and hotel chains, will minimise any adverse profits impact from the planned pit closures.

British Coal once accounted for 61 per cent of the group's textile services activities, when there were 95,000 miners.

John Richardson and Tony Bloom, joint deputy chairmen, moved into Sketchley in 1990 when there were 55,000 miners. Management budgets drawn up for the financial year ending March were based on estimates of between 35,000 and 40,000 miners in

"As long as 30 odd pits are not closed all at once before the end of March, then this year's profits should not be holed below the water line." Mr Bloom said.

Sketchley yesterday an-nounced pre-tax profits of £3.11 million for the six months ended October 2, against £3.19 million last time. The group also resumed interim dividend payments. with the declaration of a 1p a share payout.

The group operates 471 dry cleaning outlets, but admitted the business climate was

further reduction in gearing by the year-end is planned.

Talks on Dan-Air rescue by BA hang in balance

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE proposed rescue by British Airways of troubled Dan-Air still hung in the balance last night as bankers and lawyers argued over the fine Dan-Air executives had

originally intended to tell staff that a deal had been put together enabling part of the airline to remain flying, even though up to 1,500 jobs would have to go and the charter operation be closed down.

They had intended telling the stock market today that British Airways would between £30 million and £40 million for the scheduled operations, which would be merged with BA's own Gatwick-based network of European services, and that the Dan-Air name would remain, at least for the time

being. In what was supposed to be a final meeting yesterday afternoon, however, doubts were raised by Dan-Air's bankers. These feared that full repay-ment of their investment would not be guaranteed, and that Dan-Air would not be able to recover its losses. running at about £750,000 a

One hurdle — a reference to the monopolies commission appeared to have been overcome when both Dan-Air and British Airways applied for confidential guidance from the Director General of Fair Trading and were told that he would not formally request an investigation.

Indications from Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary. supported this view, despite objections from British Midland and other independent airlines that feared BA would obtain a dominant position at Tempus. page 26 | both London's main "hub"

Kleinwort Benson, who attended the

auction, said that while the better quality

lots would always find homes there was

"precious little money around for riskier

He said: "You may well be led to

believe by what's happening in equities,

that this is the bottom of the market, but

there's nobody with any money to take advantage of it. Life may go on being

Mr Moir conceded it had been hard

work whipping up interest on Wednes-

day and yesterday morning but said the crowd had swelled to about 450 people.

standing room only, by the afternoon.

Among the bidders was a businessman

from Hong Kong, looking for bargains in

The only obvious reminder of the

Britain, and several Asian investors.

airports. Under the plan, which executives of both airsignificant pay cuts, are ex-

pected to run into union lines still hope can be an-nounced today, Dan-Air will dispose of its old fleet of BAC opposition. 1-11 and Boeing 727 jets but retain about 18 of the newer

pilots and cabin crew. If the deal is finally approved, about 12 routes into Europe will be retained and transferred to a new airline, built around the remaining core of Dan-Air's scheduled services.

Boeing 737s and all their

Controversial plans to offer British Airways staff contracts with the new airline involving

Talks between Britain and America over an "open skies" policy are stalled but will resume after next month's

presidential election, British transport officials said. Andrew Card. US transportation secretary, had an inconclusive meeting with John Mac-Gregor, the transport secre-tary, on Wednesday. The deadlock could affect British Airways' plans to conclude a deal to invest \$750 million in USAir, the American carrier. by the December 24 deadline.

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Going, but not all gone, at property auction

end of the second quarter.



Lot 75: under the hammer his best to tease some action into the

BY MARTIN WALLER AND DEBRA ISAAC

THE bitter chill at the commercial property auction at the Mayfair Hotel yesterday was more to do with a lack of central heating than the cold winds of recession howling through the property market. But a few more degrees on the thermometer might have prompted a warmer response from bargain-hunters picking through the catalogue there.

The grand sale, arranged by Allsop. Britain's largest commercial auctioneer, was one of the biggest since the property market started on its downward spiral and was seen as an important barometer to sentiment in the sector. At one stage, it seemed that more than half the 390 lots put up for sale in the two-day auction would fail to reach their reserve price. Duncan Moir, Allsop's auctioneer, did

alive until yesterday afternoon. The eventual result, 60 per cent of the lots sold raising just short of £20 million, compares with the usual 80 per cent

slow bidding but the room failed to come

Mr Moir said: "Top rate retail space sold best, but long-term investors still don't want to lock up money while interest rates are fluctuating so wildly." Many of the lots had been put up for sale by cash-strapped vendors no longer

prepared to wait for a pick-up in the market. Significantly, two overseas banks, Riggs AP and Westpac, were well to the fore; Riggs is believed to have lent heavily in boom times, while Westpac has worries at home in Sydney that outweigh even the troubles of the British property market. Other sellers included the Dewhurst empire of butchers' shops

Alec Pelmore, property analyst at

1980s sat in his red Porsche outside the hotel. He was eating a cost-conscious sandwich hunch. Hard times indeed.

difficult for a time yet."

Albert Fisher earnings past their best

THE glory days are well and truly over at Albert Fisher. They departed with Tony Millar, the man who created the business. The message from his successor as chairman, Stephen Walls, is of a steady but unexciting future. which will come as good news to those shareholders for whom the excitement of the past few months may have been rather too much.

Fisher's shares, already under pressure, plunged in July after a profit warning that presaged Mr Millar's departure a formight later. It fell to Mr Walls to unveil the extent of the damage vesterday.

He reported a fall in pre-tax profits from £89 million to £52.1 million, even before £23 million of below-the-line provisions from the disposal of a Dutch mushroom business.

The new chairman has only been on the board since the end of last year, and these are still early days in the group's recovery. Mr Walls managed damage limitation. however, by maintaining the final dividend at 1.9p and the total at 3.75p, covered by earnings per share of 5.6p ahead of the extraordinary items. Fisher took a £10 million exceptional charge to cover rationalisation and merger costs, redundancies and other restructuring.

Profits from fresh produce Europe, where Tim Howden is chief executive, haived to £7.5 million, while in America, headed by Lenny Pippin, Fisher had to contend with earthquake, riot and hurricane. Volumes and average prices were more than 4 per cent lower, profits were



Limiting damage: Stephen Walls, centre, Albert Fisher chairman, with Lenny Pippin and Tim Howden

million. The balance sheet remains strong although cash in the bank has fallen from £70 million to £30 million after heavy capital spending and will almost disappear this year. Mr Walls can hope for no recovery in fresh food markets much earlier then next spring, when some of the glut of produce still overhanging the market will have worked its way through the system. Even

then, some areas such as tree fruits will remain over-producing for some time to come. He is promising other unspecified attempts to increase

shareholder value and is putting in place the option to buy back shares, which cur-rently yield 12 per cent. The market was largely unmoved, the shares easing 2p to 41 2p. Michael Landymore, at Hen-derson Crosthwaite, is forecasting a tentative range for this year of between £50

million and £55 million. which puts the shares on about 7.5 times earnings. Mr Walls believes the businesses are capable of double-digit earnings growth organically. but the market is going to take a little more convincing.

Sketchley

THE quality and worldwide business experience of its directors, rather than its dull dry cleaning and textile services interests, hold the key to where Sketchley goes from

Tony Bloom, deputy chair-man, was a powerhouse during his business years in South Africa: David Davies. chairman, and John Richardson, deputy chairman, have both left their mark in the Far East and Australia, and none of the three came to Britain merely to run a dry cleaning

Sears Roebuck in red for first time in 60 years Profitability has been re-SEARS Roebuck and Co, the world's third largest retailer, reported its first loss in nearly 60 years — \$833.7 million, or \$2.25 a share, in the third quarter. The loss follows a jump in stored, the balance sheet is stronger and dividend pay-ments have been resumed.

\$2.25 a snare, in the initir quarter. The loss to lows a jump in insurance claims from hurricanes Andrew and Iniki and compares with a profit of \$229.2 million, or 67 cerus a share, last time. Revenues edged higher to \$14.49 billion from \$14.3 billion. Its last loss — \$2.5 million — occurred in 1933. Sears took a \$1.25 billion after-tax charge to cover insurance claims at its Alistate Insurance subsidiary from last month's hurricanes. Allstate loss \$40.2 million for the quarter, against a \$158.2 million profit a year earlier. Sears one membardising operations, which it has been strateging. Further evidence of the turnround from the loss-making days of 1990 and 1991 comes with interim results for the six months to October 2. These show pre-tax profits of 13.11 million, compared with £3.19 million, on a turnover of core merchandising operations, which it has been struggling to rejuvenate and make more competitive with Walmart and £53.7 million (£54.8 million). An interim dividend, the first for years, of 1p is declared, and the year's total could K-Mart, the world's first and second largest rea respectively, lost \$36.4 million for the third quarter after a \$54.4 million profit last time. easily be 4p a share, compared with 3p last time.

Sketchley's relationship with British Coal, which ac-

counted for 61 per cent of its

textile services business when

there were 95,000 miners,

will make some investors

nervous, in view of the govern-

ment's pit closure plans. But

as long as pit closures do not

all happen before the end of

March, 1993 full-year profits

will not be seriously dented.

and more customers are need-

ed, but gearing has been further reduced from 31 per

cent to 28 per cent and is headed for between 15 and 18

per cent by the year end. The group continues vigorously to

defend itself against claims of

£9.3 million made by

Year-end pre-tax profits of £6 million (£6.02 million)

would be a respectable out-

come against a difficult back-

ground, to put the shares at

92p, up 4p, on 11.8 times prospective earnings. This

cleaned up group will either

be hid for, or taken by its

present board in new direc-

Plan to

reopen

Yorkshire

colliery

By Ross Treman

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MALCOLM Edwards, the

former commercial director of British Coal, has applied for

consent to lease and re-open

Markham Main colliery, one

of the ten pits approved for

Mr Edwards hopes to sell

coal from the pit, which closed last Friday with the loss of 671

jobs, to household and industrial customers, in place of imports. Under proposals he

outlined in a letter to Neil

Clarke, British Coal's chair-

man, miners would be offered

a stake of at least 30 per cent in

Mr Edwards said Mark-

ham, near Doncaster, South

Yorkshire, had a special pos-

ition because of its ability to produce coal of suitable quali-

ty for the domestic fuels mar-

ket. In his letter, he said: "I have been asked by buyers

previously taking Markham Main coal to find replace

ments and I have sold Polish

"From this practical experi-

ence, I can say that the quality and sizing of Markham Main

coal are much superior to the

alternatives and its previous

customers will greatly wel-

British Coal said it had

One attraction of Mr Ed-

wards's offer is that Markham

Main would not compete to

supply the power station mar-

ket. Last year, it produced

at Hoare Govett, the stock-

830,000 tonnes of coal. Nigel Hawkins, an analyst

received several approaches

about pits on the closure list.

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tions. Hold on.

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Dry cleaning is still tough

Brent Walker sale

BRENT Walker, the debt-laden property and leisure company, has sold Interactive Media Services to management for £12.7 million. IMS, which provides sports information by telephone, is the largest British user of British Telecom's premium-rate network. A consideration of £10.7 million was paid in cash; a further deferred payment of £2 million is secured on the assets and business of the buy-out company. The book value of the assets on December 31, 1991, was £1.5 million. After-tax profits for the year to last December 31 were £2.45 million.

Quinton to lead Wimpey

SIR John Quinton, chairman of Barclays Bank until his retirement at the end of this year, is to become non-executive chairman of Witopey, Britain's second biggest housebuilder. He replaces Sir Clifford Chetwood, who will retire after more than 40 years with the company. Sir Clifford became chief executive in 1982 and executive chairman in 1984, heading the company through the golden years for the industry in the late eighties. He became non-executive chairman at the end of 1991. Sir John, chairman of football's Premier League, is currently a non-executive director of Wimpey.

Granada shake-up

GRANADA Television's executive board has been cut from nine members to five by Charles Allen, the new chief executive. Steve Morrison, formerly director of programmes, becomes managing director of broadcasting. He will also represent Granada on the PTV broadcasting board, to which Andrew Quinn, the network's chief executive, and Marcus Plantin, its network director, will report. David Liddiment becomes programmes director. Mr Allen said: "With nine directors, there were too many cracks for things to fall down."

Mill workers lose jobs

KIMBERLY-CLARK, the company that makes Kleenex tissues, is to make 300 employees redundant at its mill at Larkfield, near Maidstone. Kent. The mill currently employs 890 people. Bob Chapman, the mill manager, blamed the recession and said the cuts were still needed despite a policy of not replacing staff who had left and the introduction of more flexible working practices. "These actions have been overtaken by the severity of the recession, which has resulted in orders falling well below our predicted levels," he said.

Sarah Lee to sell brand

SARAH Lee Corporation, the American owned household products group, has agreed to sell its Cherry Blossens shoe polish brand to remedy the adverse Bloss on competition arising from the acquisition of part of Reckitt and Colman's those care business. shoe care business. The undertaking was given after the monopolies commission found that the loss of competition between the two dominant brands, Kiwi and Cherry Blossom provided Sara Lee with scope to increase its prices before putting at risk its marker share of about at 74 per cent.

Ferry Pickering dives

FERRY Pickering, a packaging, printing and publishing group, is maintaining its dividend despite a 70 per cent stamp in profits. The company reported second interim pretex profits of £674,000 in the 12 months to August 31, against 12.26 million last time, after a change in the year end from August 31 to December 31. Turnover fell to £27.8 million (229.1 million). Earnings drop to 4.41p (12.68p) a share. There is a second interim dividend of 3.4p, which is the same as last time's final. The shares firmed 2p to 71p.

Ferguson lifts profit

FERGUSON International Holdings, the label printer and coat hanger maker, raised pre-tax profits to E4.7 million (E4.2 million) in the six months to end-August, on turnover unchanged at £61.8 million. Earnings per share were 9.3p (8.3p) and the interim dividend is held at 4.25p a share. Interest changes fell 18 per cent to £450,000. The first-half improvement is expected to continue in the next six months as cost-reduction programmes take effect.

Kwik Save buys shops

KWIK Save, Britain's biggest discount supermarket group, is buying 12 stores in Yorkshire and Humberside from William Jackson & Son, the food group, for £13.6 million. The stores have an annual grocery and liquor turnover of more than £45 million and will be handed over in stages between November and February. The ten freehold and two leasehold sites have an estimated asset value of £8 million. Kwik Save has an 8.5 per cent share of Britain's grocery market.

TMC starts possession action

By SARA MCCONNELL

THE Mortgage Corporation has started legal proceedings to repossess the homes of five borrowers whose mortgages were arranged by Bob Kiss-ane, former Royal Life agent. The homes of a further 27 borrowers could be threatened.

All 32 borrowers were persuaded by Kissane to remortge their homes and inves the proceeds in a combination of endowments and investment bonds. The money to repay mortgages was meant to come from Royal Life investment bonds but millions of pounds were never invested. The borrowers are unable to make repayments on their

loans and arrears are growing. Leroy Rothe, TMC's chief executive, said that starting possession proceedings was the only way it could get financial information on borrowers. He said: "All we're trying to do is get information about the financial status of these borrowers. Borrowers are refusing to talk to us."

Neil Stevens of Trethowans, the solicitor for 240 former Kissane clients, said the possession orders would be defended, on the basis that deferred interest mortgages of the sort offered by TMC and other lenders are invalid. They argue that the interest rolled up every month in these loans constitutes a series of separate loans. As each of these is less than £15,000, they fall under the Consumer Credit Act. which requires lenders to give borrowers complete documen-

tation about every loan. Mr Rothe said the company had taken legal advice when it first launched these loans in the 1980s and believed the loans "did not fall within the purview of the Consumer Credit Act".

CANADIAN OVERSEAS PACKAGING INDUSTRIES LIMITED (Incorporated under the laws of C NOTICE OF THE THURTYPHEST MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND

Trading blow forces NMW to recommend ACT rescue bid

By PHILIP PANGALOS NMW, the computer services company, is urging shareholders to accept a rescue bid on terms significantly below its stock market value after a sudden and severe deteriora-ACT, led by Roger Foster, is offering 18p for each NMW NMVclosed at 41p on Wednesday.

NMW, which serves the financial and professional sectors, said it has continued to experience severe trading difficulties, particularly at NMW Charterhouse. "Trading conditions are not expected to improve materially in the short term and the board cannot be confident of the continuing support of the company's bankers," a statement said.

ACT shares rose 4p to 147p while NMW slumped to 18p. The move is the latest expansive step for ACT, which bought 25.4 per cent of NMW in June for 40p a share. The company has seen its fortunes flourish since it sold Apricot.

bishi of Japan in 1990. ACT bought Quotient, a supplier of software to the financial sector. last year and paid £5 million for Medical Computer Services in May this year.

As both companies provide software and services to Britain's securities industry, ACT prove the return on NMW's sales and to derive benefits through integrations. Irrevocable undertakings to

accept the offer have been received from 10.5 per cent of NMW shareholders. With ACT's 25.4 per cent stake, this represents a total 35.9 per cent of NMW's share capital. NMW, based at Nantwich,

Cheshire, made the recommendation to accept ACT's offer as it announced a pre-tax loss of £1.23 million in the six months to end-June, against a profit of £278,000 last time. Turnover dipped to £4.87 million (£4.98 million). The loss per share was 5.7p (0.9p earnings). The interim dividend has again been passed.

Actuaries 'must certify insurance reserves'

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

THE government should force general insurance companies to certify actuarially that reserves are sufficient to meet unpaid claims, the Institute of Actuaries says.

Insurance companies have issue of tax collection by the in some cases understated Second, M Attali said that it losses because of insufficient reserves on their balance was crucial to staunch the sheets, claims the institute. rapidly growing money supply Such practices can jeopardise policyholders and lead to unin order to save the countries of the former Soviet Union realistically low premiums, it

from hyperinflation. He added that the infrastructure of public finances The institute says companies have not kept pace with needed to be put on a stable the rapidly changing pattern footing by controlling trans-fers and budget deficits caused of insurance claims. by transition expenditures and falling revenue. used to certify reserves follows

the difficulties experienced at Municipal Mutual Insurance and forms part of a campaign for actuaries, who are of prime importance in life assurance and pension funds, to play a greater role in general insurance.

Hugh Scurfield, a past president of the Institute of Actuaries, said the market was going through a period of structural change that threat-ened the financial strength of the industry.
"The profession strongly be-

lieves that the actuarial certification of claim reserves would help provide an effective re-sponse to this threat," Mr Scurfield said.





Ford steps up short-time working for 5,500

Expansive act: Roger Foster leads ACT's rescue

Attali maps out road

to Soviet success

By A CORRESPONDENT

THE head of the bank set up

to promote market reform and

democracy in Eastern Europe

yesterday laid down seven

conditions for the success of

the transformation under way

At a conference organised

by the Adam Smith Institute.

Jacques Attali, president of the

European Bank for Recon-

struction and Development said there was a clear danger

that the attempt to create

stability in the former Soviet

Union from the ruins of

totalitarianism could end in

failure. He feared war could

become a natural extension

unless reform succeeded. M Attali's first condition

in the former Soviet Union.

called for priority to be given to tax collection. The lack of an

efficient tax system led to

starvation of funds to the state.

without a consensus on the

state," he said.

"A nation is not possible

FORD last night put 5,500 workers on extended short-time working at its biggest plant in Britain and warned that the recession was forcing a big review of its UK production.

Workers at the Dagenham plant in Essex were told that they will be reduced from a three-day to a two-anda-half-day week during next month because of the slump in demand in the British market

The new cuts will mean the loss of output of 11,500 cars worth more than 190 million at showroom prices. They follow a series of reductions as Ford has struggled to cope with the severe setbacks in the UK market, in which sales are down by 2.5 per cent on 1991. which saw the worst slump in 50 years. The company said: "We simply have to fit our production to the requirements of the market place. Even though the Fiesta, which is made at Dagenham, is a top calling our the demand is not in the top selling car, the demand is not in the market until there is a revival in the whole economy."

Jimmy Airlie, chief Ford negotiator for the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union said: "Because the government is short of policies, Ford workers are short of work. There is no end of the mad in sight for this end of the road in sight for this recession. This half-time government has created a half-time workforce."

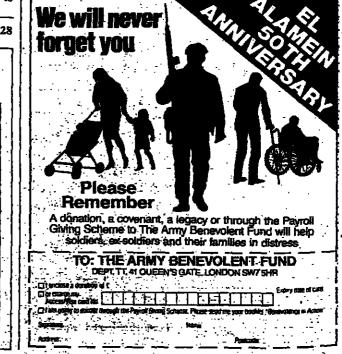
The Ford decision is made more poignant by the fact that Tim Sainsbury, the industry minister, yesterday refused to hear special pleas for assistance from the motor industry at the British International Motor Show He said there was no "pot of gold" for

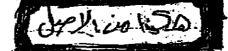
manufacturers and warned that although there might be increased dialogue between industry and his department that did not mean they would win a special hearing.

Rover is still running short-time working at its main Longbridge plant at Birmingham, while other car makers are increasingly concerned that they will be unable to weather the worst of Ford is yet to make a decision on

whether to continue short-time working at its Halewood plant on Merseyside, while the Southampton plant, which makes Transit vans, was shut for a week to cut production by 1.500 vehicles worth about £23 million.







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down in wake of Isosceles reshape

By Jon Ashworth

BOB Willett, chief executive of the Gateway supermarket chain, is leaving in a boardroom shakeup. He is stepping down as a director of isosceles. the investment vehicle that owns Gateway, amid signs of increasing unease among bankers who are owed more than £1.2 billion. Mr Willett earned £142,000 last year, making him Isosceles' highest

Isosceles, formed through a leveraged buyout in 1989, is struggling to reduce borrowings. The banks, which agreed to reschedule debts in July after months of deliberation. are said to be dismayed by the poor state of current trading.

Banks are concerned about trading at Gateway. The chief executive is leaving

They believe that anticipated operating profits of £165 million for the year to April were optimistic, and believe Gateway will be lucky to top £110

Mr Willett will have born the brunt of criticism over any decline in trading. He mok over after David Smith stepped down as chief executive of Isosceles in September 1991. Mr Willett was respon-

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£57.7 million.

Herman's has pulled out at an advanced stage of thenegotiations.

The company has been try-

ing to sell Herman's for the

past three years. The book value has already been written down from E203.8 million to

Isosceles is continuing with

a £300 million programme to relaunch the old Gateway

stores under a raft of new

names including Somerfield, David Greig and So-Lo. The

smallest sites will be renamed

Gateway Village Stores, leav-

ing 50 under the original

Gateway name. Food Giant,

the group's largest discount

chain, will continue to expand.

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GKN invests £31m in US operations

By Our Industrial Staff

GKN, the car parts group, is giving its American operations £31 million to build up two plants in North Carolina and for a new factory nearby, to cope with increased sales.
GKN plans to increase ca-

pacity for making and assem-bling constant velocity joints and driveshafts by about 30 per cent. The company said its North American arm, estab-lished in 1976, had been working at full capacity since April to meet demand, after the belated shift by American manufacturers to front-wheeldrive vehicles.

Sales by the North American firm, GKN-AI, are forecast to rise 60 per cent to 3.3 million vehicle sets over the next three years as the company benefits from the combination of new business, growth in vehicle sales, and market share gains by existing customers, particularly Ford, GKN's biggest cus-

An increase in orders for American-sourced components from Japanese manufacturers in America has helped sales and GKN-AI has benefited from the growth in use of constant velocity joints in light trucks, minivans and utility vehicles.

New orders from Mazda boosted GKN-AI's sales by \$15 million a year. The Nissan Quest and the Ford Villager minivans are also using GKN technology.

Trevor Bonner, managing director of GKN Automotive Drive Line Systems, said the new investment would give the firm the capacity to secure an even greater share of the American market.

GKN has survived the recession better than most, despite slumping car sales worldwide. In August, it announced that growth in American business, combined with improving sales in continental Europe, had helped put first-half profits back on the growth path, with a 37 per cent rise to £65.1 million, above forecasts.



Awaiting world recovery: Terry Shand says trading conditions remain difficult

Castle communicates 73% rise

By PHILIP PANGALOS

COST cutting and higher licensing profits helped Castle Communications, which markets andio and visual rights. to higher full-year earnings. Terry Shand, the chairman, said, however, that trading conditions remained difficult. The USM-quoted company

reported pre-tax profits ahead 73.3 per cent to £1.36 million the year to end-June,

against a restated profit of £782,000 last time. There was a £351,000 exceptional charge, relating to a writedown on empty proper-

ties in Putney, London. Earnings rose to 10.4p (8p) a share. The final dividend is held at 4.5p, giving an un-changed total of 8.5p. The shares climbed 9p to 129p. Group turnover, affected by past closures and reorganisation, declined 17.1 per cent to E31.6 million. Like-for-like sales fell about 12 per cent. reflecting depressed retail conditions in the UK, although the group was partly protected from the effects of the recession as about 46 per cent of turnover is overseas.

Mr Shand said: "The outlook is bright, but our ability to resume strong profit growth now depends critically on the revival of the world

Yorkshire opposes Carlton's ITN bid

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

YORKSHIRE Television plans to oppose the surprise takeover bid for ITN made by Michael Green's Carlton Communications. Reuters, LWT and Central unless the news company's £53 milliona-vear contract to supply 1TV with News At Ten and other reduced.

A rival consortium bid for ITN, as well as a rights issue as an alternative means of raising the £30 million the Carlton-led consortium plans to invest in ITN, are just two options being discussed informally between Yorkshire, Gra-nada and Thames.

Neither Yorkshire nor Granada wants to pay £53 million each year over five years for ITN's services unless they can continue as substantial shareholders. Without stakes of at least 15 per cent and a board presence, both companies would want to pay only £40 million to £45 million.

They believe ITN's costs would be significantly reduced if the Carlton/Reuters offer were accepted, given the obvious news gathering synergies between ITN. Reuters and its wholly owned subsidiary Visnews, the international television picture agency There would also be scope for rationalisation in London. with some overlap between ITN and London News Network, the new local programme to be jointly produced by Carlton and LWT from January 1.

But the Carlton-led consor tium has made clear that its offer, which expires on November 4, is conditional on the £53 million a year supply deal. The bidding consortium has offered just £400,000 — £1 a share — to acquire a collective 80 per cent stake from ITN's other ITV company shareholders. The offer is also conditional on keeping 80 per cent of the equity, even though the 1990 Broadcasting Act will force all ITV company shareholders to dilute their collective shareholdings to just 49 per cent by late 1994.

It's a game of poker," one ITV chief admitted. "Shareholders are happy to pay £53 million because the profits will come back, but customers deprived of those profits will

Albert Fisher profits tumble to £56m

By Martin Waller, Deputy City editor

ALBERT Fisher Group has ended a traumatic year with pre-tax profits down from £89 million to £52.1 million. The final dividend is maintained

at 1.9p and the total at 3.75p. The food distributor and processor was hit in the second half of the year by the worst conditions in living memory in the fresh fruit and vegetables market, overproduction from the southern hemisphere combining with bumper harvests and declining demand

because of the recession. Stephen Walls, chairman for just ten weeks since the departure of Tony Millar, has instituted a thorough review of operations and strategy.

Mr Walls concluded: There is no black hole in the balance sheet. We have a

sound business for future growth."

Compensation for Mr Millar has been negotiated and will be contained in the 1991-2 report and accounts. Mr Walls refused to divulge

the sum agreed but denied suggestions it could top £1 million. A sum in the region of £750.000 is more likely. "We believe the actions taken in the course of the last couple of months put us in a

position to generate better profits than seen in the second half of 1992," said Mr Walls. Second-half taxable earnings fell to £14.9 million, from £44 million in the corresponding period the previous

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Nuclear Electric proposes coal link

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

NUCLEAR Electric is proposing an alliance with British Coal to form the basis of a UK energy policy. John Collier. the chairman, wrote a private letter to Neil Clarke, British Coal's chairman, this week, before meeting Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary. setting out his arguments for the two to work together.

Nuclear Electric said the two could fight off the challenge from power stations. fueled by natural gas, which are seen as more environmentally friendly.

Yesterday, Bob Hawley. Nuclear Electric's chief executive. said: "Coal and nuclear are natural partners. To keep carbon or nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions constant and to meet government emission targets, coal generation needs nuclear power." Without nuclear, he said, pollution levels would rise. Unless the UK retains its energy resources, "we could find ourselves held to ransom" through a dependence on foreign coal, gas and French

nuclear power. Dr Hawley criticised the lack of an energy policy in Britain. He also hit back at recent criticisms over the subsidisation of nuclear power in Britain. The so-called nuclear levy adds 11 per cent to electricity bills in England

He said that the levy, which totalled £1.2 billion last year. was not a subsidy for Nuclear Electric's on-going business. but paid for the decommissioning of old Magnox stations. The levy will end in

Nuclear Electric has its sights set on privatisation after the government's review of the nuclear industry in 1994. Directors have sounded out City financiers and believe the response has been broadly

Dr Hawley said yesterday: "Modern nuclear stations can be built, operated for 40 years. fully decommissioned, cover all their operating costs and still produce electricity cheaper than gas stations."

STOCK MARKET

Dividend forecast change knocks electricity shares

THE electricity distributors were left nursing double digit losses after one of the City's securities house decided to break ranks and substantially reduce its dividend forecast for

Salesmen at Kleinwort Benson's morning meeting were told that the firm's forecast for the sector had been cut from an average 14p to a maximum of 10p.

Kleinwort's analysts are becoming increasing worried that Offer, the industry regulator, will refuse to allow the distributors to pass on directly the cost of expanding into other areas of generation to their customers.

Brokers said that Kleinwort's fears were to some extent justified by the news that Offer had decided to bring forward its review of the purchase price of electricity by regional distributors.

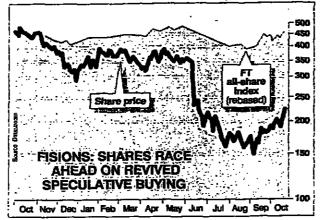
Losses were recorded in Eastern 14p to 36op, East Midland 16p to 371p, London 18p to 393p, Manweb 11p to 449p, Midlands 20p to 403p. Northern 17p to 406p, Norweb 14p to 406p, Seeboard 17p to 395p. Southern 15p to 376p. South Wales 15p to 454p, South West 17p to 408p and York-

shire 20p to 433p. The rest of the equity market continued to extend this impressive gains cheered by some better than expected September figures showing the trade gap narrowing to less than £1 billion.

Share prices were marked sharply higher despite a gloomy survey from the Chambers of Commerce indicating that the recession is deepening.

But the breakdown of the Gatt talks and a softer start to trading on Wall Street gave hard-pressed market-makers the opportunity to try to drive prices lower in order to attract a few sellers. This week's rise has seen them squeezed by stock shortages

The FT-SE 100 index, up more than 36 points at one stage, eventually saw its lead



trimmed to just 12.4 at 2.658.1. But its seems the market-makers' tactics met with only limited success. Sentiment remains firm with investors still pinning their hopes on another imminent cut in bank base rates.

There were several large lines of stock on offer, with Lucas Industries losing an early op rise to finish 1 p easier at 105p after a line of seven million shares went through the market at about the 108p

Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, is thought to have com-

executive. He spoke to analysts round the world via a satellite link-up. Albert Fisher, the fruit and vegetable distributor, eased 1p to 41p after unveil-ing full-year figures down from £89 million to £52.1

These were the first figures published since Stephen Walls took over as chairman of the

The group says economic conditions on both sides of the Atlantic remain depressed.

Hanson rose 3p to 2322p, boosted by a recommendation from County NatWest, the

Metal Bulletin, the specialist publisher and conference organiser, has enjoyed a new lease of life since moving to a full listing. Yesterday, the shares stood at an all-time high of 228p boosted by an announcement that it had appointed Hoare Govett as joint broker along with Shaw & Co.

pleted the businesses. Redland, the building supplies group, lost 6p at 341p after James Capel, the stockbroker, sold one million shares on behalf of a client at the 348p level A line of 150,000 Lloyds

Chemists shares went through the market at 210p. The price finished 18p better at 213p helped by revived

talk of a bid from Kingfisher, 9p stronger at 534p. Renters remained a nervous market, finishing 11p lower at £12.03 ahead of a presentation by Peter Job, the chief

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stockbroker, to move out of BTR, down 4p at 500p. The two companies have operated on similar ratings in recent years, but the Hanson is now trading at a discount to BTR for which County believes there is no justification. Hanson's cash flow, profit growth potential, gearing and some of

Hanson is making an ag-gressive £780 million bid for Ranks Hovis McDougail, the Homepride and Mr Kiplings food group, 2p firmer at 247p.

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the out today and is expected to set a 60-day time limit on the 220p a share bid. RHM has said that it will demerge it businesses into three separate

divisions as part of its defence. Glaxo was marked 18p lower at 777p against the trend after a report in an American trade journal about its anti-asthma treatment. Serevent Fisons, which has developed several anti-asthma treatments, climbed 12p to 227p in the hope that it will be able to increase its market share. But the flurry in the shares was also accompanied by revived talk of a bid for the

Fisons has been the subject of intense bid speculation in the past few months following the sharp fall in its share price prompted by the order from the US Food and Drug Administration to withdraw several of its products from the

But brokers also point out that a squeeze has developed in the shares, with several market-makers known to be short of stock. Fisons is regarded by market-makers as a difficult stock to deal in at the best of times.

Wellcome fell 11p to 982p despite advice by Andrew Porter, of Nikko Securities, to switch out of SmithKline Beecham A, down 16p at 514p. following this week's thirdquarter trading news.

Stock shortages also lifted Royal Insurance 7p to 216p. Once again, the rise was accompanied by talk of a possible bid for the company from the Continent. BAA Group, the indepen-

dent airport operator, re-mained a depressed market, losing an early 9p lead to finish all-square at 731p.

Kleinwort Benson re-iterar-ed its buy stance last week, but its rival, UBS Phillips & Drew, told clients after a transport seminar that the shares had run far enough, for the time

Asean on course for free trade area

FROM ABBY TAN

ECONOMIC ministers of the Association of South East Asi-an Nations (Asean) met yesterday to iron out the kinks in

setting up a free trade area.

Officials were optimistic
they could meet the January 1
deadline for kicking off a 15year tariff-cutting plan leading to the creation of an Asean Free Trade Area (Afra).

The plan calls for tariff cuts in a range of products, from electronics to processed agri-cultural goods, to a maximum 20 per cent in five to eight years and 5 per cent by the year 2008. But some Asean members admitted pressure from domestic industries to go slow and had wanted more exempted products. The Afta Council the irrole

menting body, cancelled Wednesday's meeting at Thailand's request because its new government was being installed. The delay prompted a scolding from Malaysia's minister for international trade, Rafidah Aziz: "We cannot afford for Afta to be a non-starter simply because we allow bureaucratic constraints to hamper our efficient functioning

President Fidel Ramos of the Philippines opened the two-day meeting. Tomorrow, Asean ministers are scheduled to hold a dialogue with Kozo Watanabe, Japan's trade minister. Rizalino Navarro, Philippine secretary for trade and industry, said Asean wants a similar dialogue with the economic ministers of the European Community.

Asean officials said their concern is over whether the North American Free Trade Area will divert Japanese investments from the world's fastest-growing economies to Mexico. President Ramos warned Southeast Asia not to be caught off-guard by the rise of regional economic blocs.

We should not be caught off guard. Free trade arrangements are being undertaken in other parts of the world to create greater competitive advantage. Asean should there-MICHAEL CLARK game and win," he said.

Dow bounces back in early trading

□ New York — Shares returned to the plus column shortly after all gains had been wiped out. Traders said the marker bounced back in early marker doublets whough selling failed to emerge after the market had slipped on unfavourable earnings reports.

They added that the market

still had a firm tone and that bener results from smaller concerns were buttressing it. The Dow Jones industrial

average edged ahead 2.71 points to 3,189.81, but the broad market showed declining issues ahead of winning shares seven to six. Dick Stein of MKI Securities, said: "Unless the market takes out the morning high, look for it to fluctuate.

☐ Tokyo — Shares ended weaker on index-linked selling in narrow trading, with the Nikkei closing at its day's low. However, buying by public funds and small-lot buying on incentive-backed issues underpinned the downside, and sentiment was firm on the Nikkei holding above 17.000. brokers said. One broker said: The Nikkei was in the nega-tive zone most of the day, but the tone of the market isn't so weak overall. The Nikkei average was down 128.48 points, or 0.75 per cent, to 17,013,04, with an estimated 210 million shares traded.

□ Frankfart — Shares staged a technical recovery near the

end of official bourse trading, but trading was thin, with activity driven by professionals. The Dax index ended 6.2 points higher at 1,510.11 after losing nearly eight points

on Wednesday.

☐ Hong Kong Institutional demand for under-performers in the corporate empire of Li Kashing sent the Hang Seng index to an all-time dosing high in heavy turnover. The index soured 128.27 points, or

2.07 per cent, to 6,329.12. Buying was focused on Hutchison Whampoz after a report, denied by the conpany, that it might close or sell overseas investments of its telecommunications

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USAir Group cuts

third-quarter loss FROM REUTER IN ARLINGTON

USAIR Group, reporting a outstanding, compared with a narrower third-quarter loss loss per share of \$7.4 on 45.7 than a year ago, said it sees indications that airfares are returning to more profitable levels after a summer of heavy

discounting, Seth Schoffeld, chairman, president and chief executive of USAir Group and USAir, its principal subisidary, said: "While our third-quarter results are unsatisfactory, there are signs that fares are returning to more compensatory

He added that USAir's unit operating costs declined the third quarter, mainly due to cost reduction programmes implemented in 1992.

The group reported a loss per share of \$1.45 for the third quarter of this year on 47.1 million shares outstanding, compared with a loss per share of \$2.06 on 45.9 million shares for the third quarter of last year.

For the first nine months of 1992, USAir Group reported a net loss of \$203.3 million on revenue of \$5.1 billion compared with a net loss of \$306.9 million on revenue of \$4.8 billion. USAir Group's ninemonths operating loss was \$104.7 million (\$234.7 million loss).

The group's loss per share for the first nine months was \$5.16 on 46.9 million shares

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loss per share of \$7.4 on 45.7 million shares. USAir, the airline, reported

a net loss of \$58.3 million for the third quarter on revenue of \$1.6 billion, compared with a net loss of \$74 million on revenue of \$1.5 billion for the same period last year. The airline's net loss for the

first nine months was \$191.1

million on revenue of \$4.7 billion, compared with a net loss of \$284 million on revenue of \$4.5 billion. Thirdquarter and nine-month operating losses for USAir were \$14.5 million and \$127.8 million, respectively, against operating losses of \$53 million and \$265 million for the comparable period last

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DEALERS in the gilt market are bracing themselves for another fund raising excercise by the Bank of England later today. The strength of the market this week, on the back of a better performance by the pound and hopes of another cut in interest rates, could be the signal for between £500 million and £800 million of existing taplets to be issued. Brokers reckon it is likely to be a mixture of short-dated conventional stocks and me-

dium index-linked issues. Prices yesterday enjoyed an early mark-up as sterling made headway against the mark. They then boiled over around lunchtime and closed below their best following the appearance of a large seller in the futures market. The long gilt future, which had touched a high for the day of £9913/16 eventually closed £1/16 firmer at £993/8 as 35,000 contracts

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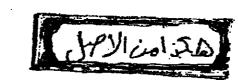
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Signposts for the next Governor

ord Justice Bingham is highly critical of the Bank of England's delay in cracking down on ABCCI. Yet he reckoned there was not much wrong with the basic structure of banking supervision. That suggests two responses. Tidy up the parts that were shown to be deficient and question whether the people running the system were up to the job.

The Bingham report gives suggestions for improvements, which have been taken up with gratitude and alacrity by the Chancellor and the Governor. It is not clear that they would have helped all that much. The Bank is to set up a legal unit, headed by a distinguished but retired solicitor, to tell it what it can do. Yet it is still not convinced it had the grounds to close BCCI earlier, except for tack of capital which was to be put right. A new special investigations unit will be run by a well-qualified accountant. Yet the Bank might still have been reluctant to put inspectors in any earlier for fear of damaging confidence. Legislation will be strengthened and auditors will play a greater role. Communications will be improved inside the Bank. between domestic regulators and internationally.

This is all useful stuff, but we have been here before. The Banking Acts of 1979 and 1987 were brought in after similar embarrassments, principally the property related collapse of unsupervised fringe banks and the Johnson Matthey Bankers affair, although these centred on systematic over-optimism and bad banking practice rather than fraud. Sir George Blunden was brought out of retirement to be deputy Governor in 1986 to tighten things up and the Board of Banking Supervision was set up to improve communications and ensure a wider overview of policy and operations. Notably, following Bingham, the Bank plans to "strengthen procedures" for involving the board.

Those now running supervision at the Bank were put in charge last time because they were tougher, grittler, hands-on people. They have generally done a good job. There are few banking scandals and failures in Britain compared with other countries. The Bank now discloses that it has quietly obliged 35. banks — some of them big — to recapitalise, change management or merge within the past six years and has revoked 16 banking licences without making a fuss. As the bank's inglorious role in the Blue Arrow affair shows, however, BCCI may have been uniquebut it was not a unique lapse by the Bank.

or Robin Leigh-Pemberton, soon to retire as Governor, it is bad hick that the messiest devaluation and BCCI have come at the end of a generally competent term. For his deputy. Eddie George, who is not popular over monetary policy in Downing Street, the Bingham report is likely to be more damaging. When the Chancellor and the prime minister choose the next Governor, they will surely be looking for an outsider.

The Bank's occasionally supervisory lapses stem at heart, however, from the culture of the Bank, which is hard to change. The system runs smoothly because the Bank operates quietly with people whom it assumes not to be competent men of integrity but at least basically professional. It could scarcely believe the scale of fraud and corruption at BCCI. BCCI's impenetrable structure was in place before effective regulation started, but, as banking supervisors now agree, international fraud has now become their fastest growing problem. Attitudes must change. Supervision is the poor relation in an institution where interest rates and and foreign exchange occupy centre stage. A quick move to a single European currency might have changed that. As it is, the Bank and its the next Governor will need to generate their own change of culture and be prepared to act, in the regulatory half of their task. like other regulatory bodies whose reputation depends on demonstrating zeal in public.

Why banking regulators cannot forget the lessons of BCCI affair

As the Bingham Report on BCCI is published. **Banking Correspondent**

Neil Bennett examines the background to the largest fraud in history

he international financial community would love to forget the history of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. The world's most highly regarded regulators. accountants and bankers have been left looking naive and incompetent after being duped for more than a decade in a fraud of unparalleled size and complexity.

Lord Justice Bingham's report

rightly questions bow the bank was able to get away with so much for so long. The regulatory framework was undoubtedly defective, but the Bank of England and other central banks could have done much more to discover the truth behind BCCI's published accounts when reports started emerging of financial deficiencies as long ago as 1985.

The extent of the fraud at BCCI

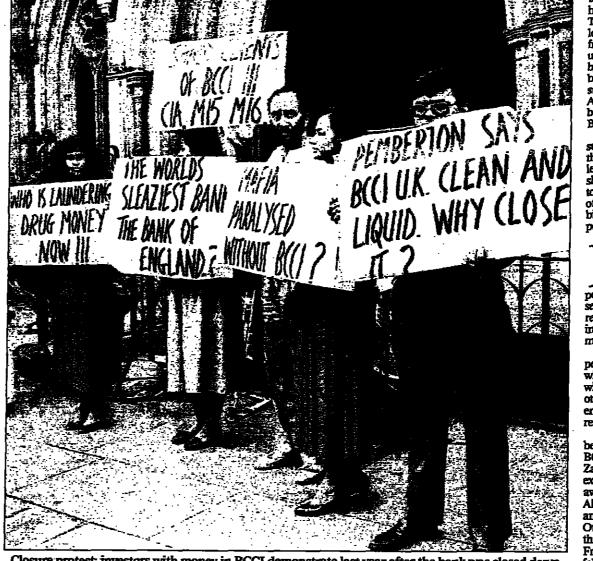
defies the imagination. Newspapers have tended to focus on the hurid tales of drug money laundering, arms struggling, terrorist bank accounts and multi-million dollar bribery that abounded when the bank was closed. All of these activities occurred certainly and more besides. BCCI was the banker to the world's most dangerous thieves and murderers and in turn was used by the security services to gather information on their movements and activities. The bank's executives lived like princes and

All these operations were really only a sideshow to BCCI's main fraudulent activities, which consumed more than 90 per cent of the bank's assets. BCCI's top management ran an intricate scam worth tens of billions of dollars, which completely fooled the world's regulators for more than a decade.

The operation is detailed in stark language in a report by Price Waterhouse, BCCI's auditor, delivered to the Bank of England in June 1991 and which rapidly led to the bank's closure. The Times has obtained an uncensored copy of this report which reveals the names of all the principals in the largest fraud in

The BCCI Group was founded in 1972 by Agha Hasan Abedi with capital from Arab investors and the Bank of America, which pulled out six years afterwards. The bank grew rapidly, setting up branches throughout the world. From the start, BCCI's finances were opaque. The bank was divided into two registered in Luxembourg and the Cayman Islands. In both these jurisdictions, financial reporting was relaxed. The bank used two sets of accountants so it was always difficult to form a clear picture of its consolidated balance sheet.

Mr Abedi had a grandiose vision of his bank, wanting it to become a global force to unite the developing



Closure protest: investors with money in BCCI demonstrate last year after the bank was closed down

world. His dream began to unravel in the late 1970s, when the bank began to suffer mounting bad debts and treasury losses. Gulf Group, a shipping company and BCCI's biggest borrower, was sliding into deep financial trouble.

Mr Ahedi and Swaleh Naqvi, his deputy and later chief executive, became worried that if BCCI revealed the true state of its finances, bank regulators would close it. Unlike traditional banks, BCCI had no lender of last resort, so it was particularly vulnerable to any fall in its reserves.

In response, Mr Abedi and Mr Naqvi began to falsify BCCI's books. ment, run by Hashim Sheikh, took direct responsibility for the Gulf Group accounts in 1978. From then on, the bank ran a worldwide operation to fool auditors and regulators into believing that Gulf Group's loans were still being serviced. It even settled Gulf Group's debts with other banks to make the company seem like a going concern.

The bank set up false accounts in other banks, including Security Pacific and the Royal Bank of Scotland in Singapore in Gulf Group's name. The special duties department secretly deposited sums in these accounts. They were then routed back to the bank to look like interest and principal repayments. The fraud lasted for 15 years, involved 750 accounts and an estimated total turnover of \$15 billion. By the time of the closure, Gulf owed BCCI several billion dollars, hardly any of this is recoverable.

The manipulation of Gulf Group's accounts is only the largest example of dozens of non-performing loans. BCCI was forced to suck in funds from an increasing number of sources to service them. The bank created large fictitious loans on its books to repay others, and misappro-priated more than \$2 billion belong-ing to Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi and he had given to ICIC, its sister investment company, to manage.

The other main source of losses and fraud at BCCI was the treasury department in London. Throughout the early 1980s, the department reported strong profits but was really making heavy losses. One part of the department carried out normal deals. but the other was involved in "number two account activities". These were carried out in the names of dients, particularly AR Khalil, but the bank was actually trading on its own book and making heavy losses. The accumulated treasury losses

were estimated to be \$849 million in 1976, and these were concealed by unrecorded deposits, fictitious loans and loans from other banks. The government of the Cameroons was one of the unrecorded depositors

vhich has since been repaid. This, however, was only the start of the fraud at BCCI. Even though in dire financial trouble, it never lost its passion for expansion. Mr Abedi particularly wanted to establish an operation in America but US authorities repeatedly blocked BCCI from making an acquisition.

Undeterred, it resorted to its usual underhand tactics. It organised a consortium of friends, including KN Kamai Adham and Faisa Fulaii, and lent them money to invest in a company called CCAH. This in turn bought a controlling stake in First American Bank, the largest bank in Washington DC.

BCCI always insisted it was merely financial adviser for CCAH investors. What the American authorities did not discover until much later was that the investors had no obligation to repay the BCCI loans. Many were given letters protecting them against any repayment demands and they were effectively acting as nominees for the bank.

Using this method BCCI took a 58.6 per cent stake in First American. This circumvented American regulatory laws and disguised the fact BCCI had used its capital for the expansion. The operation created dozens of new loans that BCCI had to service, so the fraud continued to snowball. The ultimate cost to BCCI was estimated by Price Waterhouse to be \$1.45 billion. BCCI used a similar trick on a smaller scale in Britain, where Kamal Adham acted as a nominee for the

Bank in a joint venture with Barclays. BCCI's many frauds had con-sumed almost \$10 billion by the time the bank was closed in July last year, leaving little more than \$1 billion to share between thousands of deposi-tors. The Abu Dhabi government's offer of a cash injection of up to \$2.2 billion has improved the creditors' position considerably.

f the scheme of arrangement, devised by Touche Ross, BCCl's liquidators, succeeds creditors will recover up to 40 per cent of their losses. At one stage, it seemed as though all the bank's remaining assets would be consumed in decades of legal wrangling across

Two questions remain: whether the perpetrators of the audacious fraud will ever be brought to book, and whether the Bank of England and other regulators have taken steps to ensure that the episode will never be

The Abu Dhabi authorities have heen holding 18 senior executives of BCCI, including Mr Naqvi and Zafar Iqbal, the two former chief executives, in custody for 15 months awaiting charges. But others, like Mr Abedi in Karachi, are still at large and living in considerable comfort. Other senior BCCI figures slipped through the fingers of the Serious Fraud Office in the weeks that followed the banks closure. They include Basheer Chowdry, the general manager of the British operations, and Moisul Haque. The SFO is estimated to have spent £10 million investigating the BCCI affair but has so far brought few charges.

The improvement in international bank regulation look more hopeful. Last July, the Basie Committee on Banking Supervision issued a proposal on the minimum standards of bank regulation. In future, this should ensure that banks have a strong home country regulator who can oversee its entire operation, while any country can take action against a foreign bank in its jurisdiction if it believes it is not adequately regulated.

The Bank of England is also for a new Banking Act which would allow it to take action against banks with complex structures that could conceal fraud. This would allow sanctions against an institution even when the Bank had no definite proof of fraud.

If these improvements are implemented it should assist in the continual battle against fraud, but in the aftermath of the BCCI affair, regulators worldwide admit they are powerless in the face of determined, systematic deception. Legislation alone is not enough to protect depositors. The Bank of England must have the resources, the personnel and the will to ensure that this sorry episode is never repeated.

Starring role for Smith YOU'VE read the book, now

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watch the movie. Terry Smith, of Stewart Collins, former head of research at UBS Phillips & Drew, is about to become a star of the small screen. Smith, author of the controversial book. Accounting for Growth, has been approached by Nick Ward, a former Smith New Court media analyst, who now works for Ecosse Films, an independent production company, to make a programme for Channel 4. The programme will be about the two tiers of information available to City investors, depending on whether they are private or institutional. Smith says he was introduced to Ward by Richard Dale, one of SNCs specialist salesmen. who once worked with Smith at James Capel. Smith says: The commissioning editor at Channel 4 has given Ward a brief. It will also examine other issues, like capital allocation in the stock market and conflicts of interest. It will probably be broadcast within the next few months." As for his new job at Stewart Collins, Smith says: "I'm enjoying it. The firm is a lot smaller, there are no passengers and nobody has tried to sue me today."

Domesday book

INVESTMENT trust managers tempted to be mean with dividends after recent cuts by companies will get short shrift this morning from Hamish Buchan and Robin Angus. County NatWest investment gurus. The duo, famed for



"It says here people did

not move quickly enough". their provocative annual industry reviews, have entitled this year's edition Domesday for Dividends? Due to be launched at NatWest Hall. Old Broad Street, at noon, the tome should live up to expectations. It contains a table of the best and worst placed trusts, in terms of future dividend payments, which is likely to ruffle some feathers. So too will a recommendation that trusts with big reserves should, if necessary, dip into them to maintain dividends, and preferably increase payments in line with inflation. Buchan says: We're saying you've got these kittles saved up for a rainy day and it's not just raining it's bucketing and it could be a Noah's Ark by 1993." For high-yielding. newer trusts without reserves. he predicts a "hand to mouth" existence.

THE remaining job opportu-nities in John Major's Britain are definitely not for people who want to stand out in a

crowd. The job centre at Brixton, close to where Major grew up, is currently offering £4 per session for volunteers to ap-pear in police identity parades. Staff say the rate is not bad for short-time, temporary work but apparently fear of the short-term developing into something longer term deters many would-be candidates.

Loser — in love ROBERT Whitaker, one of

the most eligible bachelors in the City, could be in danger of losing his single status. Whitaker, 48, until recently a director of Hoare Govett and now with Henderson Crosthwaite, admits he has fallen "madly in love" with Henrietta Hobart. 36, who, until a year ago, was Sir Tim Bell's personal assistant. "She met me and left him." the lovestruck Whitaker says, "and she is now doing an MBA at Cranfield." Whitaker's emotional state explains his svelte-like appearance, which worried colleagues at the October Club Dinner - a City charity event - at The Savoy on Wednesday. "It's simply because I'm in love," the once rotund broker says. Whitaker, who has been subjected to more than his fair share of sponsored slims in the past and is now down to 145 stones, has laid down a challenge that he will lose up to two stone before he and Hobart spend Christmas in the West Indies. The sponsorship money will be donated to the Children's Liver Disease Foundation, along with the £120,000-plus from the

CAROL LEONARD

Directors take threat seriously

From Mr Martin Winter
Sir, Your article "Rules fit to
curb 'unfit' directors" (Accountancy Times October 15) was read with interest in this office. Important strands of the report were that the threat of personal liability did not concentrate the minds of directors', that the limited resources available to liquidators often meant no action was taken where directors may have acted improperty, and that directors should be regulated by a professional body.

Our own experience is that directors take the threat of personal liability very serious-ly. In the past, the requirement of the fraudulent trading cases that dishonesty needed to be proved undoubtedly allowed mere incompetence to pass without sanction. Now, the more formidable wrongful trading legislation will catch the negligent director alongside the dishonest one. The threat of criminal and civil sanction applies both to the executive director whose entire personal wealth may be tied up in the company and the non-executive director with possibly no ownership interest

The liquidator is obliged by law to report whether he believes there has been wrongdoing - and a director would need to be extremely foolhardy if he were to assume that any liquidator could afford to ig-

nore his own duties here. A professional body to regulate directors? Great news for the bureaucrat (and probably for the professionals) but hardly the way to encourage much needed enterprise. Such a body would surely represent a case of the operation being a success but the patient dying.

The directors of a company

which is insolvent or otherwise

experiencing financial difficulties have a simple test to face in determining whether they continue to trade. In very broad terms — whether there is a reasonable prospect of avoiding insolvent liquidation. It is very important that they can demonstrate a clear and accurate record of what has been taken into account (including third party advice) in reaching that decision. If they carry out the right evalua-tions the risk is minimised even if ultimately it turns out that it is not possible to save the company and the jobs involved. Surely that methodical and commercial approach constitutes a reasonable balance between the interests of a business in difficulty and creditors who, of course, stand to lose a customer, as well as what they are owed, if the decision is taken to wind up the business.

Yours faithfully MARTIN WINTER. Biddle & Co, Solicitors I Gresham Street, EC2.

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Spiralling rents From Mrs Elizabeth Cole

Sir, We read the article on commercial property rents (October 5) with interest and

even a little hope!

We are tenants of the Church Commissioners in Connaught Street, whose estate is managed by Chester-tons. Our lease, renewed in 1987 with a 100 per cent rent increase (we pay £6,000 for 322 sq ft), is up for review though it has taken Chestertons ten months to come to a new figure — and they are asking £14,000, a 135 per

If this is carried to its logical conclusion, by 1999 (two reviews later) it will be £48,000

to £50,000. There are eight empty shops and premises around us in Connaught Village and no matter what pretty things we put in our window display, you cannot entice customers into the shop if there are none walking in the street. Yet the landlords and their agents can only think of rents going onwards and ever upwards.

Yours sincerely, ELIZABETH COLE, Ceramic Consultants Ltd. 12 Connaught Street, W2.

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Claims can still be made after residential lease is assigned

From Mrs Nancy Crawshaw

Sir, Rodney Hobson writes (14 October) "Tenants of commercial premises remain responsible for the rent for the duration of a lease", even after it has been assigned. It should also be noted that residential properties are equally affected.

Unless the law is changed tingent liability which can long-leaseholders who assign their leases could be faced with massive claims for unpaid service charges, ground rents and other costs should any of their successors default on

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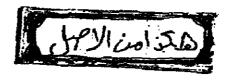
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Systems go on line for millions

single mobile telephone network usable through-out Europe is at last coming into commercial service after several delays and false service aner several delays and false starts. Even now the speed of take-up can be described only as cautious. Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, most of Scandinavia and the UK have all got their parts of the global system for mobile of the global system for mobile lower standing charges but more communications (GSM) networks for calls, and Primetime, on stanin operation. As well as international usage, the new technology offers clearer lines, better support of features such as data communications, and an integrated text messaging service.

This specification has been bought at the expense of a development time that was much longer than expected. Estimates sug-These gest GSM is running

channels more than a year late. "The technology has will open proved more complex and more expensive to develop than exthe UK pected," admits Klaus Hummel, the mobile market' communications director at Dentsche

rope's biggest GSM network. Of the other networks, the UK's is probably the closest to meeting its

deployment schedule. Already more than a third of the population is covered by Vodafone's GSM network, and by next spring coverage should be available to more than nine-tenths. "I do not think GSM has been

significantly delayed," says Chris Gent, the managing director of Vodafone, the UK cellular network operator. "GSM is the most complex system ever specified. Originally it was expected to start in earnest in the second half of 1991. It has turned out to be in the second half of 1992. That's a remarkable

UK rival, hopes to introduce its GSM service next year.

In the summer, Cellnet announced its Liberty initiative, which, for the first time in UK cellular telephony, offered users a choice of tariffs. Lifetime for people who do not use their telephones a great deal and would prefer to pay dard rates, which Cellnet believes will appeal more to business users.

A few weeks later, Vodafone responded with its Low Call rates. The response has been mixed. David Savage, the chairman of Astec, a cellular service provider, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, says:

"I've lost count of the number of people who have said, 'I would like one of these things, but £25 a month is too steep'.' Mr Savage believes that initiatives such as Liberty and Low Call will appeal to consumer business. Cellnet expects Lib-

erty to attract up to Bundespost Telekom, which with 300,000 more customers in the 15,000 subscribers, claims Eufirst year and two million customers first year and two million customers in a few years' time. Vodafone expects a more modest 25 per cent extra market.

Derek Evans, the general manager of Call Connections, a provider set up by Cellnet to support high street retailers of mobile telephones, says the key to unlocking potential consumer customers lies in making cellular cheaper and simplifying

Until now, buyers of mobile telephones have had to wait up to two days after buying their hand-sets before they could be used. In those two days, the service provider would have to take the telephone. program it with its number, regis-ter it with a network operator and



Hush, it's a secret: Cellnet has introduced an encrypting device that should prevent monitoring

return it to its owner. Mr Evans says: "We have found a way to do it all in less than ten minutes."

Call Connections has employed Club 24, an in-store credit company, to check customer credit ratings and set up a network connection to Cellnet over the telephone. Call Connections supplies its retailers with mobile telephones pre-programmed with numbers.

The company has already per-suaded Comet, the House of Fraser and nine of the 12 regional electricity companies that this is the right way forward. "The channels we have chosen will open up the domestic market," Mr Evans says. The announcements of new tariffs for GSM and analogue cellular mean the network operators alone are offering seven different tariffs. The service providers are also

permitted to modify these tariffs before passing them on to the user. Some, however, call for a more measured response to the tariffing and retailing innovations. Barry Moxley, the managing director of Hutchison Cellular Services, a service provider, says: "We are still talking about £15 a month and up to 540 a minute. That's still not of the same magnitude as a true consumer market."

Mel Zizeros, a principal at MZA, a Wiltshire marketing consultancy, is also concerned about the new tariffs. "The new tariffs make it more expensive for business hours calls," he says. "How many people want to restrict calling to the

Mr Zizeros believes that if the industry is serious about increasing its UK users, it must look at reducing tariffs overall rather than "play about with off-peak tariffs". He says: "Handset prices are already low. It does not make any sense to make calls more expensive. If you want to expand the market, tariffs should come down."

Calling women, the new users

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NEW television advertising campaigns from Cellnet and Vodafone, which started this month, show ordinary people using mobile telephones, with the aim of attracting customers who think it too expensive or a luxury product.

The two networks are targeting women for the first time, and making strennous efforts to get away from the somewhat macho image that mobile tele-phones have acquired. No more than 20 per cent of mobile telephone subscribers are women, and the networks now realise that to expand their subscriber base they have to consider women seriously.

Cellnet's promotion concentrates on women in a number of real-life situations. Vodafone's October revolution campaign is

led by an attractive but serious young woman marching out with her telephone. Previous advertising cam-paigns showed men fishing or driving vans. Women can identify with the characters in the new advertisements

and begin to think of buying the product. However, are they really being offered such a bargain? According to some user groups, the prices are not yet low enough for the average consumer to afford. And many, who are unfamiliar with mobile telephones, might end up with higher bills than they should have because of the way the call charges have been set.

Both networks have halved the £50 connection charge. They have also reduced the monthly rental from £25 to £15. The telephone with the deal costs £299 from Cellnet and £249 from Vodafone. John Skarratt of the Telecommunications Users Foundation says these charges are still prohibitive. He points out that in the first year the total cost is £510, just to be able to

access the network. However, a typical consum-

er's annual bill for an ordinary telephone is £400. "That is asking consumers to more than double their annual telephone bill," Mr Skarratt says.

The BT exchange line rental works out at just over £6 a month, meaning that even the low-cost mobile telephone charge is more than double. Mr Skarratt acknowledges

that the telephone will last more than one year, and could be considered an investment, but he still maintains it is too large an investment for most house-holds. He says: "For mobile telephones to break into the mass market, they have to compete with the ordinary public telephone service. Anything other than that means it is a premium and a luxury."

Call charges are another issue. Vodafone's Low Call service has dropped the call charge for people telephoning after 8pm and at weekends. Instead of 33p a minute in London and 25p elsewhere, they now pay 15p. Special weekend

day rates of 27p and 23p respectively have also been introduced. Cellnet's Lifetime package offers 20p a call anywhere after 7pm and at

The catch is that Low Call and Lifetime customers have to pay extra high call charges if they use their new mobile telephone during the working day. Cellnet charges 50p. and Vodafone 54p

in London and 46p outside.

Mr Skarratt is worried that many people buying Low Call or Lifetime will not know how often they will need their mobile telephone. They may have to make calls at peak times and end up with higher bills for calls than if they had subscribed to the ordinary mobile telephone service. There are a lot of small business people who could get stung," Mr Skarratt says.

SARA MACMILLAN



On line using the new smart card

AS two mobile phone

wide will attract busi-

ness users. But the

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do not seem enough to

justify the huge invest-

ment. Mr Gent's rea-

sons for going digital are

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phones will be small

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to generate a lot of new

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Vodafone failed to get

o about it!

Enter the super card

A small bit of plastic will change dialling habits

ne of the most powerful features of the new generation of digital mobile phones will spend most of its time with the telephone user's credit cards. It is a smart card, which slips into a slot in the phone when it is in use to validate it and ensure that the bill gets sent to the right place, Chris Partridge writes.

The microchip in the smart card will contain the owner's account details and personal number, so inserting it into any phone and tapping in an identity code, will personalise the phone to that particular user for as long as the card remains in

The card will make mobile handsets very secure, since a handset without a card will be useless. Handsets reported stolen will not be able to log onto the system, so collectable.

inserting a valid card will not help. On the positive side, business travellers will be able to hire a portable phone at the airport, slip in their smart card, and be able to make calls that are charged to their home number. Hire cars will be fitted with digital phones, for use by subscribers to the new GSM system. At home, each family member could

have a card, sharing a couple of handsets. Children would have cards enabling them to keep in touch while out with friends but barring international calls or bills exceed-

ing a preset amount. The smart cards are likely to be warmly welcomed by an entirely different group. Thousands of people hoard phonecards, and the new smart cards will be just as

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This new communication

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Using advanced digital

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Why listening in will soon be out

systems are devising cutrate tariffs to win more custom, it seems crazy to launch a system that ple's private conversa-tions is hardly a new will be more costly but offer few new features. phenomenon. Plays and films That is what Vodaphone is doing with its digital network, Chris Partridge over the years have depended for their dramatic impact on characters hearing something writes. Vodafone has not intended for their ears. been installing a digital However, the recent intensive mobile network alongmedia coverage of the soside its analogue system and most of the UK will called Dianagate affair has sharply heightened public be covered by the end of awareness of this increasingly Chris Gent, of Vodacommon problem fone, believes the new service, GSM, which is being installed Europe-

Until recently, conversations on cellular phones were widely considered different. The real- ed Beddoes, the techniity, sadly, is the reverse.

As telephone companies modernise their networks and replace copper cables with untappable glass fibre, normal telephone conversations are becoming increasingly secure. Listening to conversations on today's cellular radio networks presents the wellequipped eavesdropper with few problems.

More than 10 million Americans regularly listen in to cellular and cordless telephone conversations, spending more than £50 million a year on pursuing their hobby. Listening to radio transmissions from the emergency services and air traffic control has always attracted eccentrics. But until recently, most com-mercially available radios did not cover the relevant frequency bands. Now, wideband scanning receivers are readily available for only a few hundred pounds and sales are

a licence for a PCN, largely because it already had a GSM licence. Mr Gent's intention is to use GSM as the basis for an added service that will look like PCN, and to tap into the markets everyone predicts. The difficulty for the cellular

istening to other peo- user is that the networks use have complete security, today's analogue technology which, because it does not have any type of scrambling or decoding, is easy to pick up with the

right receiver.
There is some reassurance for Britain's 1.3 million cellular radio users. Mike Tiplady, Cellner's director of engineer ing, points out that "with over two million mobile calls being made every day, the chances of being overheard are very small."

cal director of Voda-fone, goes further. "Although it is technically fairly easy to listen to a conversation at random, it is not possible to listen to specific calls. With more than 32,000 transceivers in the system, it is impossible to identify which one is using

For those who feel they must



more than two-and-a-half milhon cordless domestic telephones in Britain and the number is rising at a rate of half a million a year. These phones also use analogue technology and a limited number of channels, making them extremely insecure. to overhear.

Now, a new generation of domestic cordless phone is available. Using digital technology developed in the United Kingdom, calls made on these phones will be less easy

IAN CHANNING

Adrian Morant on how portables have arrived in the handbag

Smaller is more handy

abled manufacturers to design ever smaller cellphones with longer talk time and standby times. Many hand portables now weigh less than 250 grams and can be operated for longer before batteries have to be changed or

recharged.
The result is that hand portables now account for 70 per cent of all cellphones being bought. The long-term effect is that hand portables, accounting for 60 per cent of the total installed base, will assume even greater importance.

Originally, the technology had been unable to build a widely acceptable portable telephone. The early portables weighed about 6kg and were sometimes known as "herniaphones". Today's technology has created handsets that are smaller and lighter but give improved performance.

For example, NEC's P4 portable is roughly the size of a television remote control unit and weighs about 250 grams with its high-capacity battery. This provides up to 24 hours on standby, but obviously less if calls are made. However, up to two hours' continuous talk time can be obtained. Even with the alternative

IS telepoint coming back? When

telepoint services failed two years ago, losing the three operators an

estimated total of £10 million, the

dvances in electronic slim battery, which cuts the technology have en-8oz), 12 hours and 60 minutes respectively are claimed. This is one of the smallest and most convenient available. Car kits are obtainable for most hand portables to provide handsfree operation and on-hook dialling. Dearer car kits incorporate power boosters to make the telephones more suitable for operation in rural areas.

Panasonic describes its H-Series as being the "ultimate in versatility" as it can be mounted in the car as a mobile and be used as a fully selfcontained high-power hands-free transportable, or offer the same facilities plugged into the vehicle cigar lighter socket. Cellphones such as this. weighing between 2kg and 3kg in their transportable form, could be ideal for the rural user.

However, the Sony CM-H333 will be targeted at taking cellular into the home, or more particularly into the handbag as women are seen as the large untapped market. For this budget market it will be supplied with only one battery, instead of the normal two, and will have limited features. For example, it will have a ten-digit display, rather than 16 or more, and only 12



So convenient: the portable joins the craftsman's toolkit

memory dials, compared with the 99 or more that are available in most telephones. The Motorola range offers, in particular, a good choice of hand portables. The units are updated versions of the company's original robust 8000 series unit and also the "flipphone" MicroTac. The fact

that the original unit, which weighs more than 500 grams, is still in production and selling well shows that size and weight are not all-important. This applies particularly where the telephones are subject to heavy handling, as when used by field service Rival network operators set new tariffs in the fight for customers

ar is about to break out in the cellular trade again, Adrian Morant writes. Both network operators, Cellnet and Vodafone, have announced new tariffs for an untapped potential market. Service providers, such as Hutchison, will tailor their packages and dealers will offer the customer special

Events have moved on since the cellular networks were introduced in 1985. Then, there was a pent-up demand, especially in the London area, where the delivery waiting time for a carphone was about three years. As they competed for customers, the network providers each paid out incen-tives of several hundred pounds for every new customer signed up. Hence, the early days were a paradise for the get-rich-quick merchant.

Today, the industry has largely outgrown its cowboy image. This is not before time, says David Steadman, Hutchison Telecom's managing di-rector, because "the old 'dodgy dealer image of the cellular telephone salesman is some-thing that has to be overcome". He agrees with David Savage, the chairman of the Federation of Communications Services' cellular service providers group, who says: There are still unscrupulous dealers out there waiting to ensnare the unwary. It is vitally important for subscribers to bear in mind that cheaper equipment costs can often be a disguise for various

hidden costs."
This is highlighted in a recent report on cellular telephones in What To Buy For Business magazine, which says one service provider "even alters the peak time band in order to squeeze more profit from its subscribers". The mobile communica-

Battles to break out again on the air waves

tions industry is keen that high standards should be maintained and collaborative efforts by the federation and the main cellular companies have led to an important new quality control scheme. All

companies in the scheme must

meet rigorous technical and trading standards and will have the right to display the FCSQ logo. The scheme was started last month and the initial intake of company membership applicants are now assessment procedure. The organisers hope many companies will be

included in the

scheme within a year, giving purchasers greater protection than they have at present.

The network providers, Cellnet and Vodafone, are not allowed to sell directly to customers. They work through intermediaries known as service providers or air time resellers. The intermediaries sell directly or via dealers, making their profit from discounts on air time, initial connection charges, monthly

rentals and the signing-on commission from the network

The UK market has more than 1.3 million subscribers and is relatively stagnant at present. Cellnet and Vodafone are therefore aiming to broaden their customer base towards the domestic market.

An underlying reason for this is that they want to emptive strike against the personal communications networks (PCNs) that are due to enter service next year, though they are not likely to be a threat to cellular until 1994. The Low Call and

Lifetime tariffs, as the Vodafone and Cellnet domestic tariffs are named respectively. offer the customer much lower fixed charges. Initial connection charges are £30, agains the £60 standard tariff, in return for higher call charges. Thus, they will appeal to those who want the benefit of a cellphone but will not make

heavy use of it. As there are big differences between the needs of business

has introduced Call Connec-. tion as a service provider specifically to sell telephones to . this consumer market. Celinet has already signed up more; than 400 outlets, including, Sony Centres. Comet. House of Fraser and BT shops. Derek says: "Our goal is to be the first choice in service provision for a both the retail trade and

Telephones on the shelf with: a telephone number already programmed in and speedy credit checking will enable a customer to be rapidly connected to the service. This will. be backed by a customer care: package, geared to the needs of the domestic user. This includes a help desk open from 8am to 9pm Monday to Saturday and from 10am to

6pm on Sunday. Call Connections will emphasise the low-cost Lifetime tariff and has already signed up to sell the new Sony CM-H333 telephone. Other models, to be announced, will be offered.

The Sony CM-H333 will cost £299 and is claimed to be the first mobile telephone aimed at the general consum-er. The mobile telephone will no longer be the exclusive preserve of the business person," says Tim Woods. Sony's senior manager for personal

communications. "Like the electronic calculator, or personal computer, its use is set to become universal. The Sony telephone will be available to everybody. Its size and shape is about the same as a Mars bar, so convenience combined with ease of use will contribute to its success.

This is an important rethink because, with the majority of cellphones being sold to men, women form a vast, almost untapped, market."

How telepoint is rising from the dead

concept of a mobile telephone that could be used for outgoing calls at specific locations but would be dards were used, and both were to be replaced by yet another, requirinexpensive, was dead and buried. ing a change of handset. Business However, this month the sole users especially were not imoperator that did not open for pressed. Rabbit uses the internabusiness the first time round tionally agreed CAI standard.

started a service, called Rabbit, The original handsets could not Chris Partridge writes. be used in the home or office, as no Hutchison Whampoa, of Hong base stations were available. They Kong, believes the concept is were regarded as expensive at £200 plus subscriptions and call sound, and that the original operators rushed out an immacharges at a higher rate than that ture, badly marketed product. available on public call boxes. Most users found that wherever There was confusion first time round. Two incompatible stanthere was a telepoint base station, a

call box was also located there, offering a better deal.

From the start, the Rabbit telephone has been offered with a home base station allowing people to use it as a cordless telephone at home or in the office, and to take it out on trips as a "telephone box in your pocket". It is also a better cordless telephone than others in use. The speech quality is good, without the crackles and hums that bedevil conventional cordless units. Retailers report that poor quality is the prime reason why 35 per cent of cordless telephones are returned by buyers.

The digital radio system gives impregnable security, removing any chance that your neighbour may be making cordless calls at your expense. The cost has been cut substantially, too. Rabbit is offering the combination of handset and base station at £240.

Away from home, telepoint call charges range from 10p a minute at night and at weekends, through system. Local and national calls are charged the same.

Many subscribers in the trial areas around Manchester have been buying the unit as a simple cordless telephone, says Ed Candy, Rabbit's technical director, Most go on to subscribe to the telepoint service as well.

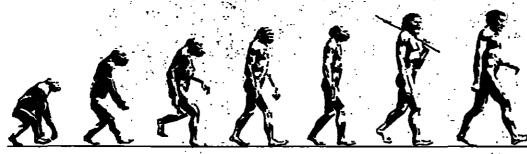
The strategy seems to be paying off so far. The total number of subscribers on all three of the original national networks after 20p at peak times to £5.50 for calls nearly a year of operation was to aircraft on the Skyphone about 3,000. Mr Candy says: "We

have been going for a few months, just around Manchester, in the summertime in the middle of a recession, and we have 3,000 subscribers already. The international climate for

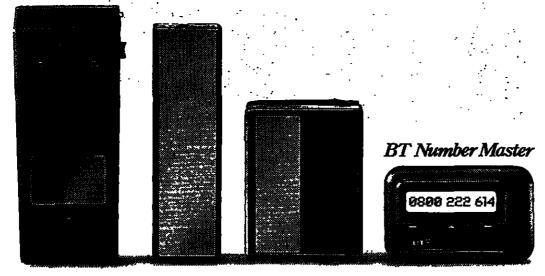
telepoint has also changed. Telepoint was previously an isolated, rather eccentrically British system. Now, systems compatible with Rabbit are established in Hong Kong, whoch has three networks and claims 25,000 subscribers, Singapore, where the network is said to have sold 1,500

units on the first day of operation. and several other countries in South East Asia. If a large market develops there, a flood of low-cost telepoint phones can be expected to arrive here soon.

European companies are also setting up telepoint networks. France has a trial system in Strasbourg and is to install a network in Paris. The German Bundespost is test-marketing its Birdie system in Munich. Telepoint may also be available in Holland, Spain, Portugal and Italy. The operators have agreed a roaming protocol, so Rabbit subscribers may be able to use their telephones abroad and be charged by Rabbit on their quarterly bill.



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No.1 in Mobile Communications



Operators aim to get users on the hook for a new type of personal phone

MOBILE PHONES in the home? Almost everyone considers them far too expensive for anybody but plumbers and stockbrokers, but the two personal communicator networks to be launched in the next two years will have to bring mobile phones to the mass market if they are to

The two PCNs will enter a highly competitive market, with at least one new digital carphone network, a microcell system, relepoint and advanced message pagers all battling with established analogue systems for subscribers.

So the PCN operators are pinning their hopes on the ordinary telephone subscriber, who has so far refused to go mobile. PCNs use basically the same technology as GSM digital car phones, but at double the frequency. The higher frequency has greater bandwidth, so many more subscribers can use the system, and the handsets can be smaller. The PCN handsets will also be limited in power to one watt, which limits their use to people

The government issued three licences for PCNs, but only two operators are still in the field and both are radically

Homeward bound for the mobile

different from the original licensees. One is Hutchison Telecom, owned by Hutchison Whampoa of Hong Kong and British Aerospace. The other is Mercury Personal Communications, a joint venture be-tween Cable & Wireless, which owns Mercury, and US West, a former Bell Telephone company.

Mercury plans to be first to offer a service, with the launch of PCN within the area bounded by the M25, the London orbital motorway, next summer. By next century, the network should be serving 95 per cent of the British population. Hutchison, which is involved in building the expensive Rabbit telepoint network, is holding off at least until 1994. Neither, predictably enough, is willing

to disclose exactly what is being spent on their PCN, but the probable figure is £600 million each. Investment on such a scale naturally puts in question how highthe call rates are going to have to be to make a reasonable return. Colin Sorrill, an independent telecom-

munications analyst and author of a report on PCNs, sees the tariff structure as critical. "Can the operators devise innovative tariff packages that will recover their investments while gaining a mass market?" he says. The handsets need to be below £100, he believes, and call rates should be near BT prices.

"The difficulty the PCNs face is how long it will take to recover the invest-ment," he adds. "The potential market is very large, but I do not know whether the would-be operators have the courage to

cut prices enough to take it." Both Richard Goswell, Mercury PCN's managing director, and John Dodds, the communications director of Hutchison Telecom, agree that they must compete with the fixed telephone links if they are to

Farewell to the fax printout

THE mobile office with phones, fax machines and personal computers, allowing the vehicle's owner to be in contact with the rest of the world via cellular radio, is more than a mere concept. However, the idea is seldom translated into reality.

Despite there being more than three million cellphone subscribers in the UK, probably only about about 1,000 are actually using their cellular phones for fax or data transmission. This is because cellular radio systems are up to 2.000 times more hostile to data transmission than a fixed-wire system is. Errorcorrecting techniques such as cellular data link comrol have therefore been devised and universally adopted.

Everything that is needed for data or fax can fitted in a briefcase. But integrating them to provide a complete working solution for a particular purpose is not always easy so vendors have been working to ensure that their products will operate together. As an aid to users assembling their own systems, Cellnet will soon be publishing a compatibility guide.

There is no universal solution. User requirements vary enormously. They include the needs of the field service



On the road: the in-vehicle office becomes more feasible

mechanic who has to get detailed diagrams from instruction manuals and the executive who needs access to his company's network.

Even though most information in an office emanates from a PC, many workers are still happier when dealing with information on paper rather than on a screen. Hence, Ricoh's FAX PF-1 facsimile machine will appeal. Weighing about 2.5kg. it is claimed to be the world's smallest and lightest fax. The machine can be used via an interface with most of the

higher power cellphones. However, NEC is to release a fax machine designed to be connected directly to its popular P3 hand portable

phone. This machine, its batteries and the P3 weigh under 4kg, so they can be carried easily in a briefcase.

This may be the approach that many notebook computer users will want to pursue. They are familiar with printing their documents, then sending them by fax. Printers such as the Star-Jet \$J-48 now enable the traveller to obtain professional print quality while on the move. This unit weighs less than 2kg, yet still provides laser-quality print

Alternatively, those who are more computer-literate will be able to attach modems to their notebook computers so as to send their data over cellular either via a public electronic

destination. For example, all models in the Psion Dacom PDM series include a special cellular mode to optimise data throughout and integrity.

Some of the series also incorporate a fax facility that enables the user to prepare a document on the PC screen and send it directly by fax without the necessity of printing it. Since these moderns weigh less than 200g, they add little to the weight that a user is carrying.

Motorola, NEC and other big manufacturers each pro duce special interfacing unit for their own cellular telephones because there is no standardisation at present. In general, these units are designed to operate with fixed car phones, hand portables (when fitted with boosted car kits) or transportables as well as, in certain cases, hand

The situation is, however, due to change radically. The global system for mobile com- & munications provides both digital transmission and standardised, rather than proprictary) interfaces

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IoD seeks capital tax changes

By Rodney Hobson

CUTS in inheritance tax and capital gains tax could make a big contribution to economic recovery, the Institute of Directors says in recommendations to the Chancelfor for the 1993 Budget.

The cuts would do more to confirm the government's commitment to prosperity and improve confidence than any other reform of comparable cost, the institute says. The taxes destroy small firms and dry up venture capital. Their reduction - and preferably abolition - would enable small businesses to make an immediate

contribution to economic recovery. The institute's formal Budget submission will be made in January, but it has presented its ideas on capital taxes early as budgetary system changes next year provide an opportunity for radical reform.

Reduction of the burden of capital taxes most closely satisfies the current needs of the economy and would have three main advantages. First, they would be inexpensive. the total yield from inheritance tax being £1.3 billion and from CGT £1.1 billion. None of the cost would be incurred in the first year. Second, inheritance tax and CGT are taxes on ownership and the use of personal capital and thus more damaging to a prosperous capitalist economy than other taxes. Third, the administrative and compliance costs for both taxes are exceptionally high.

Keeping the 2CV on the road

THE Citroen 2CV is dead - long live the 2CV. This is the business credo of Jack Thomson, who has brought back into limited production that ugly duckling of the motor world which became one of the world's best sellers.

Production of the 2CV was halted by Citroën about three years ago. But Mr Thomson, who has specialised in servicing and refurbishing 2CVs, says he could sell as many as he produces by buying in components and body panels.

Mr Thomson admits to being car mad. When he left school he did a six-year apprenticeship to qualify as a Jaguar mechanic. Shortly after he finished, a friend bought a 2CV. Mr Thomson saw it and it was love at first sight. He could not buy one in this country so he went to Belgium with £50, bought one for £15 and then paid E9 import duty.

Since then, Mr Thomson has devoted his working life to the 2CV. He has regularly raced the little cars. He was involved in businesses servicing and selling the cars in London. Then, seven years ago, Mr Thomson, now 53, headed for Herne Bay, Kent, where he took what he regards as the biggest gamble of his life and set up a business targeted at servicing and refurbishing 2CVs located in the South East. He laid out a £200 deposit for a workshop, borrowed 1.000 from a friend and then distributed leaflets to let people

know about his business. Mr Thomson said: "It seemed a zany idea. There didn't appear to

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Driving force: Jack Thomson, who repairs and restores Citroen 2CVs at Herne Bay, Kent

be many 2CVs in Kent at the time. but we gradually started to build up a customer base at the rate of

around two or three a week." Now he is an acknowledged expert on the cars in the South and a leading expert in the country. Some continental enthusiasts bring their vehicles over from mainland Europe to be serviced by him at his premises in Charles Street.

Mr Thomson said: "They find it cheaper to come over here and spend a weekend during which

they have their car done than to go to garages in their own countries. We have a number of customers from Germany and Holland who

do this. His latest production venture started as an experiment when he bought in all the parts necessary to assemble two complete cars. He and his one member of staff assembled them and then had their first inkling of what demand there might be. Mr Thomson said: "I could have sold them several times

over and actually received offers of more than I charged the people who bought them."

When the last 2CVs rolled off the French production line they were selling new for about £4,000. With a building time of about two days per vehicle, he reckons he can put one on the road for £3,500. "If the customer wants Liberty trim on the doors, leather uphoistery and that sort of thing they can certainly have it, but obviously that will put the

BUSINESS SERVICES

Essex Training and Enterprise Council (Tec) is investing £250,000 in a business development pro-gramme aimed at stimulating economic growth in its area (Derek Harris writes).

About 20 business strategy projects, aimed at a variety of industrial and commercial sectors, are being launched during the autumn. Each is being run by a different training organisation selected through compentive tender. Owner-managers will be allocated to each project; with fees being kept to a minimum. About 200 small businesses are expected to benefit from the initiative, which is aimed at small Essex companies with turnovers typically of between £500,000 and £3 million.

The aim is to produce workable business plans and enhance the personal development of those joining the projects, especially their knowledge, attitudes and business competence. Each project involves counselling and consultancy, mostly to be carried out at the premises of the husiness involved, and a number of short workshops that will concentrate on training. More details: Information Services. Essex Tec. telephone 0245 450123. ·

☐ Hugh Morgan-Williams, managing director of Canford Audio, a developing small company at Washington, Tyne and Wear, will chair a conference on managing small firms' development, at the City Conference Centre, London, on November 19. It is organised by the government-sponsored Teaching Company Scheme (TCS), which puts young graduates into

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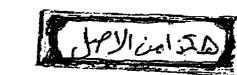
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With Jane Asher gracing its stage, the Criterion has reopened, more splendid than ever

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Georges Bizet wrote Carmen, but perhaps the producers know more about Spain



ART: Richard Cork assesses the new gallery at the Victoria and Albert Museum

Designers on century duty

Bayley packed up his Conran-sponsored Boilerhouse, the Victoria and Albert Museum has now opened a far grander replacement. The new Twentieth Century Gallery lives up to its resounding title by occupying more space and covering wider territory than Bayley's subterranean chamber. State-of-the-art items are among the 600 chiest on displayers. the 600 objects on display — most of all at the end where a special section, breathlessly called the Now Room, celebrates the irritating Cubist dog devised as the Barcelona Olympics mascot. But the last nine decades of consumer design are surveyed here as well, embracing so many vigorously fought style wars that the glass showcases ought by rights to shatter under

Take the first bay, where Voysey's austere oak table of 1903 announces an unwavering commitment to honest craftsmanship. Unstained and devoid of polish, this stark structure testifies to his insistence that "no nails or screws" should defile the table's absolute

Voysey stands for the spirit of modernity at its most Protestant. And his preference for rigour was shared by many of Europe's most innovative designers as the new century advanced.

Jessie Newbery's linen appliqué cushion cover may look languorous, as its attenuated leaves curve upwards in graceful Art Nouveau undulations, but the pared-down discipline of the Glasgow School of Art informs her design, and the Latin words embroidered in the centre spell out sentiments as stern as Voysey's: "Softly the irrecover-able hour flows away, reflect lest you squander a day without labour."

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Whether such moralising was shirted by Newbery's commental counterparts is open to doubt. The perals curving round Maurice Dufrène's porcelain coffee-pot looks far too exuberant to be weighed down by homilies about hard work.

If one struggle is fought out at the Twentieth Century Gallery be-tween ornament and bareness, another battle pitches professionalism against the cult of the amateur. When Roger Fry founded the Omega Workshop in 1913, he made a virtue out of his lack of technical expertise. The Omega fabrics on view here gain much of their vitality from their designers' impatience with conventional

craftsmanship. But their more practical products sometimes suffered from a slipshod approach. Wyndham Lewis, who worked at the Omega before denouncing it with a storm of invective, recalled that "the chairs we sold stuck to the seats of people's

For an artist as involved in the



State of the art? Sisterhood: a tapestry designed and woven by Noemi Ferenczy, Hungary, 1921

machine age as Lewis, Fry's defiant emphasis on the hand-made was unacceptable. The second issue of the Vorticists' magazine Blast is displayed nearby, to show how fiercely Lewis went on to engage with the world of aggressive industrialisation.

His stark monochrome cover design, showing soldiers embroiled in the first world war, chimes with Wadsworth's woodcut of Minesweepers in Port. The dazzle-camouflage patterning applied to ships, in the hope that they would bewilder U-boat commanders, has the same sense of hard-edged pictorial attack as the Vorticists'

Playfulness keeps breaking

everywhere threatened by subverthrough, even in revolutionary societies where a sense of humour sive tactics. Although Dali's outramight be regarded as decadent. geous sofa called Mae West's Lips is Lissitsky's Proun print of 1923 placed discreetly at the back of a proposes an uncompromising abstract vision, austere and stripped showcase, its bulbous "shocking pink" satin still has the ability to disconcert. It would never have of all decorative blandishment. The been commissioned for mass conword "Proun" is an acronym of Pro-Unovis", translatable as "desumption, and at this stage in the sign for confirmation of the new". show the preponderance of exclu-But much of this heroic Soviet sive designs threatens to become sobriety evaporates in Lissitsky's book for children, and the V&A stifling.

For a moment, a refreshing note further lightens the mood by juxta-posing it with "Tinkerton the Wonder Builder", a robot toy sold is sounded with the inclusion of the original Penguin paperback Britain by Mass-Observation. Most of in a Wimpole Street shop, designed the cover is given over to a boldly by Erno Goldfinger, in 1936.

By that time, Surrealism had printed quotation from The Times, declaring that "with these anthroensured that high seriousness was pological spies among us one

nalists will ever again dare to speak and write on behalf of the people. For here are the people. They disappear, however, just as swiftly. Nearby stands a black, gleaming cocktail cabinet in ebony, metal and chromium: the acme of millionaire's chic when designed by Maurice Adams in 1933. Ideal for a Noël Coward stage-set, it belongs to the same leisured realm as Syrie Maugham's sleek mirrored screen and Denham Madaren's glasssided armchair of 1931. The seat has been shamelessly swathed in zebra skin, and tufts of the animal's mane project from the back: a grisly guarantee of authenticity.

In terms of ecological shock, Madaren's armchair shares the honours with a 1964 Roberts radio covered in leopard-skin. But at least this nasty little instrument is accompanied by a caption carrying the manufacturer's retrospective disclaimer, stressing that Roberts would never perpetrate such an outrage today. And the offensive object can be found in the highlight of the new gallery — a hugely diverting display celebrating the development of radio design.

t one extreme, the classic wireless look of the 1930s veered towards beguiling simplicity. The Fada radio in bakelite is a tour de force of geometrical compression, glowing with jade-like yellow and green surfaces. Wells Coates reached the acme of purged understatement just after the war, reducing his Ekco A22 to the quintessence of chaste. circular refinement.

The result was marketed in the Britain Can Make It exhibition of 1946, but nationalistic design in America produced a far more exuberant, not to say garish out-come. When Norman Bel Geddes was invited by Emerson to mark its 25th anniversary, he came up with an all-American "Patriot Model" based on the red, white and blue of Pop Art by well over a decade, this feisty design also looks like a harbinger of post-war boisterousness as a whole.

In terms of radios, the climax arrives in 1980 when Danny Weill replaced the hard casing with pvc in his witty Radio in a Bag. Sold mainly in Japan, the parts all appear to float underwater and resemble a freewheeling abstract relief. But Weill's high spirits are echoed throughout the post-war gallery, whether in Hosoe's wrig-gling plastic and metal lamp of 1970 or Sottsass's flamboyant "Casablanca" sideboard, where the crazily projecting shelves are spartered with delirious patterning. Form no longer makes even a token attempt to follow function in this era of rampant edecticism.

• The Twentieth Century Gallery at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Brompton Rd. London SW7 (07 I-938 8500); Mon-Sat 10am-5.15pm, Sun 2pm-5.15pm

Defy gravity, win new friends

s she danced far above us, back-flipped, rode a unicycle A back-flipped, rode a unicycle and leapt between high wires at different levels, the tightrope artist's safety wire was reassuringly visible. The Chinese Circus depends less on the scent of danger than its Western counterpart; more on skill for its own sake. Hence the air of pride and relief when a trick that had misfired was repeated with success - as when the young man somersaulted in mid-air to spin through the narrow hoop above him and the audience joined his triumphant yell the second time round.

Hence also the brave smile on the verge of tears as the young woman balancing her unicycle on a large ball tried to perfect her own trick until the fifth successful attempt. The fact that such effort, craft and love was devoted to kicking four dishes from her shin on to her head in a neatly stacked pile makes the gallantry all the more touching. In both cases, the artist would plainly have stayed all night to get it right if necessary, through pride as much as imposed discipline.

There are no animals, apart from the lions, engagingly recognisable cousins of our pantomime horse, with their flirtatious eye-lashes and sinuous silk bodies, or the fluorescent dragons, a glowing serpentine swirl of blue, green and pink.

Chinese State Circus Clapham Common

Instead, there is a celebration of split-second timing and calculation of space, weight and gravity, as in the human tower of chairs and seven bodies, or the young man who tosses and twirls a hefty porcelain jar in the air, graduating to a jardinière that would de-brain an elephant. He catches it on his head and neck, avoiding injury by the subtlest use of muscles.

There is nothing as miraculous as an act I saw in a Chinese circus at Edinburgh some years ago, when a contortionist, her body arched backwards, balanced a glass of water on her stomach and somehow managed to turn over without distodging the glass or spilling a drop. But there is foot-juggling, pole-balancing (on finger, forehead, chin) that makes tossing the caber look positively barbaric, and two chefs who balance plates on edge and set them spinning, like a chorus-line of oysters drilled by Busby Berkeley. Scrutable Occidental infants enjoyed it. Outside the star-flecked canvas blue of the big top, the single soft drink and hotdog stall is ridiculously inadequate.

MARTIN HOYLE



Effort, craft and love: a unicyclist smilingly epitomises the Chinese State Circus performers' determination to get it right

ment of an architecture with big movable parts. For the Kuwaini pavilion at the Seville Expo he

designed a digitally operated pivot-al roof with ribs that opened up like

elephant's tusks. For the lake at

Lucerne he designed a circular

pavilion like a giant daisy where

individual sections of the roof rose like petals. His planetarium at

Valencia's proposed museum of

sciences is set in a giant 3-D eye

with eyelashes that open like giant

"I mostly work with basic materi-

als: steel, concrete, paving, glass,"

says Calatrava. The exciting sinewy

shapes of columns and girders are

often produced not by special

castings but by flame cutting stan-dard sheets into unusual shapes

and welding them. Nonetheless he

can give a jeweller's attention to

beautiful polished detail. The

smallest artefact he has designed is

erate mass and has a

certain nobility. It can have the

character of stone, can take a shape

So far Calatrava has built noth-

ing in Britain. The RIBA has put

out a petition supporting his stu-

pendous design for a bow-shaped

bridge striding the Thames east of

London in one giant leap. "It is a

and achieve very plastic form."

e likes concrete because "it

is very economic, can gen-

a pair of gold earnings for his wife.

palm fronds to let in daylight.

Not putting their trust in Princes this season

IN THE wake of the Warnock Report, which recommended that priorities at the Royal Opera House be inspired by the need for economy, the house has announced a major revision of its performance schedule in order to maximise takings at the how office. The Royal takings at the box office. The Royal Opera, which is expected to axe a planned production of La Juive, is holding an extra matinee of Turandot (to take place on February 27), as well as the additional Porgy and Bess on November 4.

But more sweeping changes affect the Royal Ballet: the revival in February of MacMillan's full-length The Prince of the Pagodas has been completely scrapped, along with two performances of a scheduled triple bill. Instead, there will be ten performances of The Sleeping Beauty. According to a Royal Ballet spokeswoman, "we need to make as much money as possible before the end of the season and The Sleeping Beauty is the way to do it".

CONFIRMATION, if it were needed, that the French take their cooking seriously: on Sunday the French television channel ARTE is devoting the whole evening to food. It includes an interview with a sociologist entitled "We are what we cat", a short film by Pasolini, La Ricona, and a documentary on the pig. But the two main items are a witty evocation of mass food-production, in which kilometres of sausage dance to dassical music, and a documentary about Alain Ducasse, the chef of the Hotel de Paris in Monaco. As Le Monde's television previewer notes: "Slowly the ears close, and only the mouth palpitates to the



rhythm of the images." Or as we say in Britain: sounds a bit tasty.

Impervious, too

ARTISTIC innovation never ends. After Richard Serra's controversial blocks of steel at the Tate comes a new group of paintings showing artist Donald Smith's exclusive use of the metallic enamel paint Hammerite, on show from today at the Harlequin Gallery in south-east London. "The intended strength of the medium is perverted by the imposed delicacy of the execution." explains gallery owner Godfrey Worsdale. Hammerite is usually used to protect objects from rust. Smith's works apparently hang well; and will never need restoring. Last chance . . .

EVEN at full volume, Jimmy Ginffre's clarinet and saxophone seldom rise above a purr. Once a member of the barnstorming Woody Herman Orchestra, Giuffre later threw in his lot with the avantgarde. His revived partnership with the pianist Paul Bley and the bass-player Steve Swallow suffers from an excess of introspection at times, but is still capable of producing absorbing chamber jazz.
Alongside pianist Don Pullen, the
trio ends its Arts Council tour at St Donat's Arts Centre (0446 794848) tonight, and Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham (021-236

3889) tomorrow:

ondon has never had a more mesmerising architectural exhibition than Santiago Calatrava's at the Royal Institute of British Architects. This is a show to

uplift the spirits as much as a cablecar ride to the top of the Alps. Nor is it just the snow-white presentation: all-white models, on white plinths, on a new white floor.

Calatrava's work is almost Leonardo-like in its sense of probing, testing, exploring. He is an allrounder to a remarkable degree. He trained as both architect and engineer, did a doctorate on the foldability of structures, and produces sculpture, too. Yet paradoxically his drawings are mostly very neat, like those of an illustrator.

The magic of Calatrava is that in his models, and increasingly, his completed structures, he is building adventurous designs that two decades ago would have seemed pure science fiction, as impossible of realisation as projects by the Russian constructivists or Sant'Elia. Nothing so organic or sinewy has been seen since Gaudi. Here is the muscular expressionism of Mendelsohn in the 1930s on an Olympian scale.

Calatrava accepts the label, at least of his powerfully sculptural bridges in his own country. "They are a positive expression of my own happiness that Spain is once again open to democracy and to freedom of expression."

Not everyone approves. One British engineer, who preferred to remain anonymous, said "Calatrava is perverse. He's obsessed with this image of a dog's skeleton, which keeps repeating itself. Look at this bridge with a coat hanger truss leaning at 60 degrees. Arches, naturally, should be in the vertical

Calatrava's daring adoption of

To the limit and over

ARCHITECTURE: a London exhibition celebrates the vision of the versatile Spaniard Santiago Calatrava

Marcus Binney on an innovator whose work at Expo '92 and this

has won wide acclaim bolic designs may not always fulfil the engineer's test of making the most economical possible use of material. But, says Calatrava, "the doctrine that the cheapest and most rational solution should be best does not always hold. Today you have to consider the impact on the landscape and the environment. We can't build more awful high-

year's Olympic Games

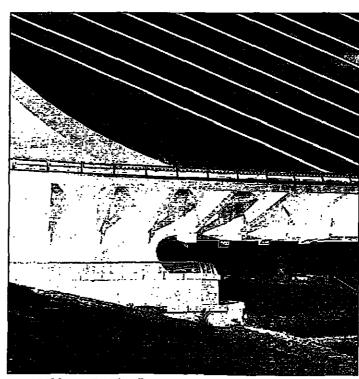
and the countryside too." Interestingly, for a high-tech conjurer, Calatrava does not drive. And so his bridges consider pedestrian routes as much as vehicle

ways destroying the centre of cities.

Anthony Tischhauser, who works in Calairava's Zurich office. points to the model of the Medoc bridge in Bordeaux. "Calatrava has raised the pavement several feet above the road, so pedestrians are not splashed or suffocated by cars. But it's good for motorists, too, as they have a clear view of the water

Elsewhere, for example on his bridge in Seville, pedestrians use a raised central walkway, eliminating the classic impulse to plunge into the waters below.

Calatrava's concern with balance and equilibrium is evident in his sculpture. Passing his mechanical moving eye on the staircase, you are



A bridge at Seville's Expo '92, designed by the non-driver Calatrava, who has given pedestrians a raised central walkway

Brancusi-like bronze eye perfectly balanced on a shallow hump of polished black granite. It rocks gently at the faintest draft. Calatrava points out how this and other sculptures are tied or tensioned with wires. One is a spiral of cubes brilliantly expressing a torso in motion, another a twisted sheet of bronze on a giant stainless steel cocktail stick, eleverly placed in

confronted with a metre-wide front of a window so that the reflections of the venetian blinds

> Calatrava says he is "not trying to build the highest building or the longest span. The big steps were taken earlier this century. Think of the Golden Gate bridge or the Chrysler building. I am trying to redignify not reinvent." He does sense the next break-

look like feathers.

fantastic opportunity for an engineer, so broad a river, so flat a landscape," says Calatrava.

His project was criticised by the Department of Transport on grounds of cost. Calarrava replies: At Seville prominent specialists said our bridge could never be completed on time or on budget. But it was."

 Calatrava at RiBA, 66 Portland Place (071-580 5533), Mon-Fri 9.30-7pm. through will come in the develop- Sat 9.30-4pm, until November 14.

DANCE UNBRELLA: This weekend there is the test chance to catch the American dence ploneer Merce Curpingham and his company, Queen Etzabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-638 8891), tomorrow, Sun.

OTELLO: Another welcome outing to one of the Royal Opera House bankers: Elijah Moshinsky's sombre and reliable production; Sir Georg Solti in the plt. Kirl Te Kanswe as Desdemona, Sergei Te Kansaw as Desdemons, Segei
Leterius as lego, and Placido Domingo repeating his definitive account of the fittle role. First right.
Royal Opera House, Covert Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonight,

FINGLESH TOURING OPERA: This is Dees 80's first tour since changing its name. Opening tonight is the company's new production of Vercis Felstaff, directed by Tim Hopkins. Jonathan Veira plays Felstaff, Margaret Presce and Kathryn Hide play the respectable women, and Seehem peciable women, and Stephen now conducts. Faistaff will than tour the regions in repentary with the spring 1992 production of Don Glovenni. Wissbiedon Theatre, The Broadway, SW19 (081-540 0362), Faistaff : tonight, 7.30pm; Don Glovanni : tomorrow, 7.30pm.

METALLICA: Viscazal heavy mate from the band with the pered down sound and those monster rits. Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex (081-900 1234), tornorrow, Sun, 6.30pm. LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Eger's stirring cantata Caractacus, a postrait at once pankotic and pastoral of the logandary Syllah chiestain, is almost operatic in its

CI AMPHEBIANS: Superb ensemble playing in Bifly Roche's robust elegy for a lishing community in Westons a fishing community in Wesford.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 130mins.

E ANGELS IN AMERICA: Thirting performances in Tony Kushner's teacheting state-of-the-Union cheme on Aids, religion, politics, everything. Hatilonal (Cottlestoe), South Bank, SET (071-928 2232), Tonight, tumorrow, 7.15pm, met tomorrow, 1.30pm.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN, AND Li MEAST AREA THE MANDEN, Afel Dorfman's scorching psychological drame on the longing for revenge. Penny Downie, Danny Webb and Hugh Rose make up the cast. Dubts of York's, St Marin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mate Thus, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

☐ GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley sugar. Beran in the Twenties. nental, American, entertaining. Bios., Tottenham Court Road, W1 Dominion, Tottenham Court Roed, Y (071-580 9562). Mon-Set, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat. 2.30cm, 120mins.

IT FRUMS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in Cooney farce with lots of laughs. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, met Thure, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm.

III THE MADNESS OF GEORGE IS: Nigel Hawthome Is very tine as the stricken king in Alan Bennett's intriguing, sightly puzzling play. National (Lythelton), South Benk, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, met tomorrow, 2.15pm. MURDER BY MISADVENTURE: Gerald Herper and William Gaunt play crime where who fall out and pit their wicked wits against each other: run-of-the-mill thriller. badi. Whitehell. SW1 6071-867

1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Set, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 5.30pm, 120mins.

NEW RELEASES

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1492: CONQUEST OF PARADISE (15): Lastings of atmosphere from director Fildley Scott, but not enough dramatic meat. Gérard Depardieu as Columbus; Sigourney Weaver as Queen isabel. Empire (071-497 9998) MGM Fulbum Road (071-370 2838) UCI Whiteleys

HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15): Woody

HUSEANUS AND WAVES (15): Wood Alien's best firm in years, a lecerating tale of collepsing New York memiages. Stars Alien, Mile Tearow, July Davis, Llarn Nesson, Juliette Levis. Gate (171-727 4043) Lusnihms (171-836 0591) Odeon Kensinghon (10426 914686) Screen on the Green (171-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (171-792 3332).

PRAGUE (12): Callow Scot searches for family history in the Czechoslovak film archive. Wispy drame with modes charms from writer-firector ian Sellar. With Sendrine Bonreire, Bruno Gerz. Caundes Parksway (071-257 7034) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Milnette (071-235 4225).

CURRENT

◆ LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18): Leos Carar's hymn to Peris and a purk burn's lover for a young arise going blind. Temilic in spurts, and a real movie movie. Barbican (071-638 8891) Metro (071-437 0757) Report (071-837 8402). BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (U):
Sumptuous Disney certoon fairy-tele,

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to ests and entertainment. compiled by Karl Kraight

musical and dramatic range. Richard Hickox conducts the LSO and the London Symptony Charus in this powerful and rarely heard music, Judit Howarth, Arthur Davies, David Wilson Johnson, Allsteir Miles and Stephen Roberts are the soloists.

CORIK: The Galaness Jazz Festival gata underway at the Opera House tomorrow atternoon with a concert by the long-standing team of George Melly and John Chilton's Featwarmers, ably and John Chiston's Featwarnisms, evy supported by the Eric Delaney Band (3.30pm). Tomorrow evening there is a performance by Cloc Laine with John Denteworth and his quinter (Born). Sunday brings a visit by the Houston tenomen Harold Land (3.30pm) and leaction immediat Mavmard Fertuson leading trumpeter Meynard Ferguso (8pm). The lessival continues until October 26 st various venues. Opera House, Emmett Place (021-270022).

LEEDS: The fine players of the Buropean Commonity Chember Orchestra perform Wester's Four Seasons together with Mozart's Two Minuets and Country Dences and Haydr's Symphony No 88. Town Hall, Leeds (City centre box office: 0532 476962/455505), tomorrow, 7 Storn.

THEATRE GUIDE

E House full, returns only ■ Some seets available □ Seets at all prices

☐ THE OEDEPUS TRILOGY: Sk-hour production of the Sophocles trapedies (with an hour meal breek after Oedipus Tyrannos), Interesting performences, notably by Gerard Murphy and John Smapnel, Intiguing settings but curiously uninvolving. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-538

PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COME: Brian Frish selectionate connect of an Iriah emigrant and his carping alter ego. A revival to be chertehad. Wywathaeris, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (071-857 1116). Mon-Fri, Spm, Sat, 8. 15pm, mets Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

RADIO TIMES: Tony Stattery in a In motion Memory Lane, set in wartine Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gay numbers.

Cusen's Theatre, Shaffesbury Avenue, W1 (971-484-5940), Mon-Fri, 2 Share, Shaffesbury Avenue, W1 (971-484-5940). 7.30pm, Set, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Set, 4.30pm. 150mins.

III THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Terrific performance by Alison Steadmen as the raucous statiem in Jim Cartwright's play about dreams, Aldurych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Set. Sprn, met Set, 4pm.

SHADES: Patricia Hodge takes over the role of brave widow hoping for remarriage in Sharman Macdonald's bitter-sweet drama. Touching moments

Seint Occar. Haymarket Studio, Belgrave Gata (0533 538797), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 3pm.

SWANSEA: The testival (running until SWAMSEE IN BESTAND THE BISC Welst-Number Orchestra under the Austrian conductor Hans Gra. Soprano Lyone Descon and berkone Devid Wilson-Johnson are soloists in Brahms's West-Compron as success in cardinals A Gamman Requiem, preceded by Mendelsechtr's Comparto for violin and orchestra (with Dong Suk Kang). Brangwyn Hall, Singleton Street (0782 475715), comorow, 7.30pm.

WARWICK: Alter the Leads concert on Seturday, the European Community Chamber Orchestra visits Warwick. The programme comprises works by Mozart (Symphony No 33; Two Minuels and Two Country Demose) and Haydin (Symphony No 68; Callo Concerto No 1 — with Julian Lloyd-Webber the soloid!) Warrelck Arts Centre, University of Warwick (0203 524524), Sun, 8pm. WEXFORD: The small town on

arguebly the world's most enjoyable and enterprising opera leading. This year's programme of operatic ratiles comprises Massagnif's venemo drame year's programme of operatic rarities comprises Mascagni's verieme drame of the French revolution, Il piccolo Massi; Gil equivool (The Comedy of Exrons) by Stephen Storace, which boasts a libretto, eliar Shakespears, by Lorenzo De Ponte; and the splendid melodiamia, Der Vampyr, by the German Romantic Heinrich Marschner. The leasket, under the direction of Bisme Padmore, reliably turns up an exciting crop of young singers.

Albery, St Mertin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Set, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Set, 4pm, 120mins.

☐ SOX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Channing as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guara's fine play on human Tuer-osperiorica: Countedly, Parison Street, SW1 (071-867 1045), Mon-Set, Sprn, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 90mins.

☐ A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE: Philip Provise's triumphant RSC production, John Carliele as a callous stocrat in Wilde's social melodrama lecad with wit. Thurstre Royal, Haymarkst, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mais Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 165mins.

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| Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor

and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Palacium (071-494 5037) Me and My Girt Adelphi (071-836 7611) ... III Les Misérables: Palace 7611)... III Lan immersioner Passes (771-434 (999)... III Misses Seigen: Theetre Royal, Druy Lane (971-494 5409)... III The Mousetrap: St Martin's (971-896 1443)... III The Pharatom of the Operat Her Majesty's (971-494 5409)... III Reburn to the Forbidden Planet: Carribridge (071-379 5266) ... I Starlight Express: Apolio Victoria (071-528 5865) I The Woman in Black: Fortune

CINEMA GUIDE Geoff Brown's assessment of s in London and (where stad with the symbol ◆) lease across the country

blessed with skilled animation and attractive songs that might have sprung from a Broachiey musical, Directors, Gary Trousdele, York Wise.
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SITTER MOON (18): Sexual games on an ocean liner. Preposterous, turgid escapade from Floman Polaneid. escapace from norman revense. Starring Peter Coyols, Hugh Grant, Emmanuelle Seigner. Chelsee (071-351 3742/3743) Gute (071-727 4043) Odeoses: Kensington (0428 914896) Haymarisat (0428 915353) UCI Witholeya (071-792 3332).

◆ SLUE ICE (15): Michael Caine's ◆ BLUE ICE: (16): Michael Carne's iomer Misagent plunges into a pool of corpees and intrigue. Tired holism, filmed in London. With Sean Young: director, Pussell Mulcelly.

MCSM Baker Street (071-935 9772)

MCSM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

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THEATRE: a study in treachery; a leaden 'Jacobethan' drama; a triple bill of new writing

Pain comes out of the comedy

Making It Better Criterion

AFTER losing the place for nearly four years to the builders and decorators, it is good to walk down all those steps, past all those Victorian tiles plastered with the names of all those composers, and once again enter the Criterion's auditorium. Everywhere shades of pink merge into the white and gold of the harps, masks, and other emblems and mouldings. This is one of London's pretiest and most intimate theatres, as hospitable a berth as the West End offers for plays launched in London's medium-sized fringe

Last February James Saunders's Making It Better was first performed at one such, Hampstead Theatre, and it seems little changed by its voyage through time and space. Jane Asher and Larry Lamb are still Diana and Adrian, World Service producers whose ascetic marriage ends after he belatedly bumbles out of the sexual closet. She still takes up with two Czechs, first an elderly emigre called Josef (David de Keyser), and then Tomas (Rufus Sewell), the go-getting student her husband has himself been enthusiastically bedding. And Adrian still looks at the complications and confusions and talks ruefully of the 'French farce aspect of it all'

It is a suggestive remark. Feydeau and Labiche always made much of their characters' anxiety, panic and shock, but stopped short of showing the pain that, had they been a bit more real, those characters would certainly have felt at the rejections and betravals escalating around them. That is what Saunders offers, along with plenty of humour. Suddenly the comedy is on hold: Adrian is raging and blubbing at the defection of Tomas; Josef is abjectly confessing his love for Diana after botching a suicide; and Diana, realising just how cold a customer Tomas is, is wailing the way Phaedra

did when snubbed by Hippolytus. Saunders's subject is treachery, and not only the personal sort. Almost all of

"SEND in the clowns" is a reasonable

request from sighing Swedes in a Sondheim musical but, in "Jacob-

ethan" plays, even Shakespeare's, the

clown's entry is to be feared. Far more

often than not he will hop, he will prance, he will grin incessantly and

gurgle at the thought of pranks to

come. If, as in John Marston's play, he

is called Cocledemoy, he will crow like

a rooster at moments of triumph. He

will be hard to endure, if not positively

unendurable, and David Timson, in

Sam Walters's joyless production, hov-

sibly because the man imports foreign

wines instead of supporting native breweries. Sounds familiar. Mulligrub

(Frank Moorey) is cheated of golden

goblets and a dish of salmon but, even

when vowing revenge and on the

lookout, he never manages to recog-

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current preoccupations as sexual politics, child abuse and radical protest. In

form, they acknowledge film's short takes and sit-com fluidity. In style, they

range from the didactic to the comic

strip anarchic, via self-conscious, near

poetic Fine Writing.

The most entertaining is incidentally the work of the oldest writer. Michael Cook is 24. a cartoonist and scriptwriter.

er for comic strips. It shows in Sab, his

amiably astringent chronicle of a crazy day among hunt saboteurs. This group

His role in the play is to gull

ers between the two.

nise his tormentor.

Mulligrub, a Cheapside



Reaching the end of an ascetic marriage: Larry Lamb and Jaine Asher as Adrian and Diana Harrington

the play occurs in 1989, against a background of political change and revelation. Tomas, it emerges, has been feeding information on both Diana and Josef to the communists. But it is the private emotions that really matter, just as they did in Saunders's earlier play, Bodies. Once again he is displaying his sympathy for those who feel and flounder and his antipathy to the likes of Josef, with his confidence, his reductionist philosophy and his

Saunders wrote with more bilious energy in Bodies, but Making It Better is intelligent, absorbing and, thanks largely to Michael Rudman's sensitive direction, as well acted as anything in London. The performers hit their emotional high Cs all right, but are equally adept when they are moving in and out of minor keys lower down the scale. Asher has seldom demonstrated her knack for quiet, self-effacing feeling to better effect, or that underrated actor, David de Keyser, created a more

astutely observed character than Josef, with his prim diction, courtly manners and genteel agony.

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Then there is Sewell's curt, breezy Tomas: a hitherto unknown actor's impressively charismatic case-study of a "me" generation that, as his author clearly believes, will soon be found in every corner of our new, liberated Europe. James Saunders has seen the future, and it irks.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

No point in disguising an utter lack of charm

Orange Tree,

You might think that two bobbing pheasant feathers on top of the fellow's cap might give the

chilling opportunism.

Richmond game away and, to be fair, for some of his jests he does codpiece, though, nor the shape of his face. Playwrights of the time are as daft as Agatha Christie when it comes to disguising their characters: one false

friends know them. The main plot offers the hope of more originality. The young gallant, Freevill (Timothy Watson), is about to be wed and introduces his friend

moustache and not even their best

Mathement to his The Dutch Courtesan sometime mistress, revenge, feigned quarrels, arrests and a

remove these. He never changes his final hanging scene "timely averted".... shoulder with a delicately fluttering hand; her breasts, too, heave most affectingly. Her rival, played by Jamine Wood, is sweetly obedient but not cloying, and Caroline Gruber performs attractively as Crispinella, an outgoing maid who shocks her nurse with naughty words, until the play-

wright gives up on her and marries her off to a drimbwit whose idea of courtship is to call her a tart monkey. The machinations of the plot are engineered by the sudden passion of Malheureux, "a man of snow", for the courtesan. He is some kind of Puritan. though Geoffrey Church suggests the harking self-love by giving him a neat

beardlet, the size of a Penny Black.

nerself. Her rage at The transferral weakness of the play is being supplanted to the character of Freevill who, once leads to schemes for again, intally discussed. applying an eyepatch, and puts his true final hanging scene "timely averted". love, and lost friend through some Amanda Royle is a pretty and odious testing. There is also a poisoncourtesans. It is stated that such women are necessary, and men are hypocrites to condemn them; they are then shown to be wicked, and carted off to suffer "the extremist whip and iail". Charmiess.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Oldest is best of the new

of students squabbie, vomit, get lost and lock themselves out of their van. A nutter in balaciava and SAS gear spoils

New Voices **Royal Court** Theatre Upstairs

vegetarian heir to the peace and love movement — beautifully played by Cara Kelly in a froth of beads, chiffon. floral print and cashmere - reveals the innate capacity for violence towards humans in all animal-lovers.

The play's rhythm sags slightly towards the end, but the observation of idealistic ineptitude is affectionate and often very funny, the emotional rela-

tionships are convincingly untidy and full of cross purposes; and every character is allowed

his rationale - even. for a fight in the class war, and a rather touchingly, the absurd class warrior. Ian Rickson's direction lapses into caricature only with an upper-class female whip-cracker. A solidly promising first play.
The other authors are both 19

Sarah Hunter's Faith Over Reas deals with male violence towards women. Burt Caesar's direction doesn't quite iron out the over-articulateness of documentary, or avoid the

pitfalls in the writing's cliches; but fine performances come notably from Alison McKenna's victim and Rhys Ifans, the boylriend vacillating improbably between extremes of love and hate. Carl Miller directs The Changing Reason by Dubliner Noel Macaoidh

in switting mist and turbulent rain (on Tuesday the cue for a real downpour to beat on the theatre's roof). The guilt and anger felt at his father's funeral by a boy musing the secret of childhood abuse prompts over-calculated writing, jerkely delivered. Lucy Hall's evocative set — beer mugs, candles, umbrellas, religious effigies, form a dream-like background — is correspondingly over elaborate, though in the other plays she achieves splendid flexibility

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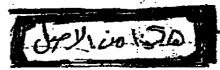
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OPERA: Flamboyance but no real feeling in Birmingham; and a thoroughly offensive evening in Glasgow

Don't spare the horses, maestro

Richard Morrison on a spectacular but oddly passionless Birmingham revival of the Carmen first seen at Earls Court

ow unambitious of Har-vey Goldsmith and Mark McCormack to bring Steven Pimlott's celebrated "arena" production of Carmen to Birmingham, and then not stage it in the city's own Bullring. Fancy shipping it from Earls Court to Australia and back, and then missing the chance to bring all the traffic in the Midlands to a standstill.

No. wait a minute, chaps, it was only a joke. Your little old Carmen is super just the way it is. We loved the nine horses, and the cleaners at the National Indoor Arena won't mind a bit about shovelling up the mess. We gasped at the flamenco dancing and singing in Act IV. Bizet did not write any music for flamenco dancers and singers, of course, but what does a Frenchman know about Spain?

That huge revolving stage was a triumph. It meant that hundreds of extras could walk round and round without actually getting anywhere. Mind you, they have seen that done in Birmingham before: don't forget they staged the Euro-Summit here

Yes, there were a few killjoys who complained at the interval that the noise of the machinery was not an improvement on Bizet's original orchestration. But if you send down one of the lads tomorrow with a can of engine oil, that should do the trick. As for the torch-lit processions, lighting: of this flamboyance has not been seen since Liberace played the Palladium.

Your real stroke of genius, however, was scattering all those television screens round the arena, so that if we became bored with the opera we could watch what was on the box instead. It was just bad luck that it was showing a rather weird programme about a person in a bow-tie who kept waving his arms about. Funnily enough, he bore a strange resemblance to the man who was conducting your Carmen. the estimable Jacques Délacôte.

Then there was the contribution of



Making the most of his spectacular, horse-drawn Toreador's Song: Gregory Yurisich as Escamillo (one of three singers sharing the role)

before? Practically nowhere, I must admit. Never mind, the band played the music splendidly, sometimes even at the same time as the cast were singing it. And at the end we all clapped along, which is something they really don't like you doing at

But prime interest lay in your new cast. Or rather, your casts. Having three Carmens, four Don Josés and three Escamillos must be a record for a run of just six nights. On the first night we heard Wilhemenia Fernanthe "National Opera Orchestra". dez, whose smouldering Carmen

Where have I heard that name Jones at the Old Vic last season quickened every male pulse. Now she has stepped up a league to the real

thing.

She certainly quickened my pulse the second verse of when she began the second verse of the Habanera a bar too early - and Maestro Délacôte's as well, no doubt Fernandez extricated herself, however, with ingenuity, elongating one note of the tune so that the orchestra could catch up. That was the most exciting moment in her performance, for her lower register is too mild and milky to establish any kind of forceful

The Don José, Jacque Trussel, is a survivor of the Earls Court Carmen, and age has not withered him much. As Escamillo, Gregory Yurisich made the most of his spectacular, horse-drawn Toreador's Song, and Cynthia Haymon produced the love-

liest singing of the night as Micaela. But if I may say so, Harvey and Mark, you still have not got the sound right. In the interval queues for booze and loos - queues, you will be pleased to learn, that had an epic quality which aptly matched your production — people were saying that the sound "lacked something".

What it lacked was not finesse in the mixing or amplification department. That has improved greatly since those early Earls Court days. It was the fact that the principals were clearly not putting much physical force into their singing. Why should they? Each had a microphone next to the throat. But an opera of explosive passion such as Carmen will never make its proper impact if the singers are crooning. Turn down the micro-phones a little, and tell them that they have to sing harder for their supper. That would bring arena opera a step nearer the real thing.

How not to grasp Handel

Scottish Opera's new production of

Julius Caesar is an appalling musical and theatrical travesty, says Rodney Milnes

cottish Opera's new pro-Giulio Cesare, sung in Brian Trowell's English translation, is to be shared with Ludwigshafen and Montpellier. It opened at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, on Wednesday, and constituted one of the

most offensive evenings I have

spent in an opera house.
It was not so much Willy Decker's staging in decor by John Macfarlane that offended. Macfarlane's basic set, a yellow step-pyramid filling the entire stage, is rather fine; the various Euro-junk setpieces that adorned it or blood-daubed rooms, Ubu-style thrones and paper crowns - were less interesting and even with the use of a drop curtain necessitated pauses between scenes that are fatal in 18th-century opera. The costumes were punk-chic. We've seen it all before, but never mind.

Decker's production is equally old-fashioned. A passing reference to Kurt Jooss's Green Table, 60 yearsold, said it all - an exercise in passé postexpressionism with would-be "shocking" effects thrown in. The hysterical characterisation was calculated to diminish those taking part in the action, certainly to eliminate any heroic content. Caesar was a posturing, sillyass yuppie in a dinner jacket with a penchant for shoe-fetishism, Cleopatra a bald schoolgirl who made uncanonical advances to Sextus. Ptolemy a psychopath with transvestite ten-

dencies. Nireno was blind, tap-tapping with his stick and going to bed with Cleopatra at one point, and so on and so on.

This sort of juvenile bilge may be the demier cri in the German provinces, but I imagine a civilised city like Montpellier may be less patient with it. It's the sort of production we grew out of here years ago.

Again, never mind, Handel's score can easily transcend all this ordure, but it is less able to withstand the musical assault mounted upon Those familiar with the OUP edition credited in the programme will scarcely have recognised it. Re-ordering of numbers is simply insolent: would a German producer dare re-order Die Meistersinger? More serious was the (uncredited) rescoring. The opening of the overture made

one suspect one had come to the wrong theatre, and bewilderment increased with the use of obbligato instruments in recitative; harp and bassoon were especially prominent — indeed poor Cleopatra could hardly open her mouth without a harp concerto being launched at her.

Samuel Bächli's conducting ignored all advances in Handel scholarship made in recent years. His overall pacing was lugubrious and the music recklessly overphrased, with sentimental ritardandos not iust at the end of numbers but in the middle as well. Tempos were titivated bar by bar, and the true expressiveness of Handel was missed at every turn. Worst of all, the elephantine pacing of the recitative, full of "significant" pauses, together with the limping tempos, made one of the masterpieces of 18th-century



attempt to shock the audience

opera sound boring, and that is unforgivable.

Just as unforgivable was the waste of a potentially superb cast. Joan Rodgers is perfect in every way for Cleopatra: to make her sing most of "Piangero" at the stage rather than the audience was just one instance of gross misuse of her. Michael Chance, apart from having Caesar's character taken away from him, was required to sing too much of his music from way up-stage. Eirian James (Sextus) and Anne Mason (Cornelia) salvaged some moments of dignity, and Christopher Robson did his usual number, but cubed, as Ptolemy. I don't know what opera that interest-ing artist Gidon Saks (Achillas) was singing in, but it certainly wasn't by Handel. What a shocking, offensive waste of talent.

DANCE: John Percival selects some highlights from the wide range of work brought together in the Dance Umbrella festival



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Kaleidoscope set in motion

he Dance Umbrella festival shelters many kinds, styles and qualities of dance. One of the big attractions this year is the Merce Couningham Dance Company, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall tonight until Sunday. I caught them earlier this week in Northampton, where by opening up the Derngate stage to its full depth they revealed a large space with stairs, doorways and balconies continuing the lines of those in the auditorium.

This made an ideal arena for the "Events" being given on this trip. Each is a kaleidoscope of dance, made up of fragments from works in Cunningham's repertoire, some so new they have not been seen in Britain, others from the far past. Cunningham varies their arrangement from night to night, so each is unique.

The accompanying sounds produced by four dedicated musicians and several tons of electronic equipment seemed to drive some spectators to despair, but at my performance there were moments (accidental, no doubt) which sounded like real instruments

amazing richness of Cunningham's dance invention is discast of five keep swapping played much better in this their membership. context than in most of his

recent works. The juxtaposition of pieces, the disposition of bodies, and the varied lighting effects gave the programme a plotless drama, too. Another visiting company, that of Santiago Sempere from Spain via France, proved less rewarding at The Place

Theatre in London. His subject in Duel et Amours is supposedly Don Quixote, but you would hardly guess that until about half-way through when one of the cast dresses Mercifully, the second part, although still incoherent, is livelier, less absurd - and

A new work by Shobana Jeyasingh, at The Place last week, continued her exploration of combining Indian and European ways of making dance. The Making of Maps, given on a double bill with a revised version of her Configurations, is less abstract in its patterning than that work. There are implications of relationships in the way the dancthe sub-divisions within the

Jeyasingh's choreography is based on developing traditional steps and some invented material into group patterns. It works well in the strong, percussive footwork, stamping out sharp rhythms; the arm

contrived by comparison. She likes collaborating with composers and chooses western music this time, a tape of varied sounds by Alistair Mac-Donald. But the incorporated sections of Indian music by R.A. Ramamani show how much her dances gain life from a definite rhythm.



TELEVISION REVIEW: Richard Morrison on a new series from Mel and Griff

ight entertainment is a strange name for some thing that induces gloom in the British population at least once nightly. Try listening to your local bus queue any morning. "East-Enders ain't been half as good since they got rid of that Dirty Den." That new game show!
Tell you what, bring back
Nicholas Parsons." "Did you see them alternative comics on Channel 4? I reckon that you could get more laughs from a

I expect that our religious

More gloom for the bus queues

this mass ritual of disappointment each evening is good for the soul. It teaches us stoicism: the ability to bear our awful prime-time television with

Even so, last night's Smith and Jones (BBC 1, the start of

leaders would maintain that their new series) made me sad, which was presumably not the intention. I can hear the bus queues now "Mel and Griff, weren't they funny on television in the Eighties?" Yes, they certainly were. But last night some of their pay-offs were so obvious that I guessed what they would be several seconds before they happened.

> scriptwriters, fast. I know it's Griff tries to introduce the show while Mel is puking offstage. The joke is, he has still got his radio-mike on. Mel and Griff are zooming down one of those water chutes at a swimming pool. But instead of landing them in the water, it

Either my wits are getting

sharper or the boys need new

leads straight into a builder's skip. Griff is a workman unblocking a sewer; his rod goes right

up the waste-pipe and pokes Mel in the posterior as he sits on his lavatory. An athlete throws a javelin and - wait for it — it goes straight through one of the referees! Mel is an Italian tenor who is recording "La donna è mobile", but he ruins each take by adding the word "wank" to the last note. The punchline is: after two or three takes, he does not do it

Of course, these bald descriptions of mostly visual gags are unfair. Timing counts for a lot. That was another problem. On the other hand, there was at least one genuinely funny dialogue: a classic Mel and Griff head-to-header, scripte 2 untirely in advertising

Their appeal still spans generations; of all the comic duos around at present - Fry and Laurie, Hale and Pace - Mel and Griff could come closest to replacing Morecambe and Wise in the nation's affections. But they must make more effort to find top-class material. Otherwise, they won't raise so much as a weak smile in the

Brave new world?

Every parent dreams of a perfect baby. Tomorrow in The Times, Aileen Ballantyne describes the new medical techniques that are bringing that dream ever closer to reality. Using the very latest screening tests, some as simple as a mouthwash, it is now possible to identify up to two thirds of all serious mental and physical handicaps in unborn children.

But with these advances come a whole new array of ethical dilemmas; will the dream turn into a nightmare?

Julian Barnes in Bulgaria

One of Britain's foremost writers, Julian Barnes has set his new novel. The Porcupine'. somewhere in the Balkans, where a former communist leader is on trial. In Bulgaria, whose ex-president was sentenced last month, the book is on the bestseller list. This Saturday, Julian Barnes writes about a country where fact is stranger than fiction and 'private' is the sexiest word in the language.

And a great weekend's reading

Clement Freud meets Frederick Forsyth: Sally Brampton interviews Gail Rebuck, the woman with the toughest job in British publishing - and a reputation to match. And in the Weekend section Alan Coren muses on the iconography of chic, and Valerie Grove squares up to Peter Brooke, new Minister of Arts.



MOTORING

Monster wagons roll in

have come a long way since the prairie, as **Kevin**

America's pioneers

Eason found at the Caravan Show

he is called Minnie Winnie because she is the smallest member of the family. Yet at 10ft tall, she towers over her British competitors like a contemptuous baseball player over a circus midget.

Minnie Winnie is the latest of the

giant breed of motorhomes to come from the United States. They know how to take leisure seriously there. Not for them the poky two-wheel trailers that snake their way along the busy motorways.

Winnebagos are homes from home, with everything including the kitchen sink packed into a cavernous body that sits atop lorry-like wheels. Big as it is, the Minnie Winnie is for the wimps among weekenders at only 22ft long and 7ft wide. As visitors to the Caravan Show have discovered this week. the real thing is the size of a British bungalow on wheels.

The Winnebago Allante is 37ft long and 8ft wide and has a list of specifications that would make the Sultan of Brunei's palace look like a Barratt home. It has air-conditioning, shower room and bathroom, master bedroom with king size double bed, two televisions and a stereo system with compact disc which plays throughout the vehicle.

Everything about the Winneba-go Allante is impressive, from its £80,000 price to its 7.4-litre Chevrolet petrol engine. With that much power to pull that much body, get ready with the gold card and leave plenty of time at the filling station. The Allante can manage only six to ten mpg so the 78-gallon tank is vital if holidaymakers are to get out of the drive before needing to refill. Park the beast next to a conventional caravan and it must be like living in the shadow of a five-star hotel.

While the British caravan owner pops out to the standpipe to fill the plastic jug with water, the Winne-



bago owner draws from a 100-gallon tank which is filtered through a water purification sys-tem. Forget the age of the chemical toilet the Allante has a ftush loo and 75-gallon waste tank. to make the fishpaste sandwiches.

The Winnebago is the vehicle the Americans buy in droves for their huntin', fishin' and shootin' expeditions. Winnebago was making 300 vehicles a week at peak to supply a market for leisure homes estimated at 25 million in the United States. That makes caravan building in this country seem like a cottage industry. Yet that may be the way

we British really like it. Caravanning has been the friendly face of holidaymaking ever since the first rickety trailers took to the roads. You needed a sense of humour and a lot of resourcefulness to enjoy a successful holiday in the 1935 Carlight Light4, which is also on show.

The plywood and timber box is

tiny, four berths packed into its 11ft length, which probably meant mum spent the holiday fortnight having her elbows continually jogged by the kids as she struggled

lamp, the family would at least be eating off china plates and drinking from china cups provided with the Carlight. A washing up brush, of course, was provided as stan-dard. How much sleep you could get on the horsehair mattresses is open to question and cooking on the little paraffin stove must have been a challenge for the holidaymaker with more ambition than a tin of baked beans.

Yet caravanners throughout the years have not been deterred by the hardships and traumas and they have been rewarded for their patience by a new generation of

vans which are bigger, more stable and certainly more comfortable. Next to the Light 4, Carlight's new Commander caravan is the epitome of luxury.

British motorised caravanning

There are four berths but they are fitted into an 18ft long body with fitted cupboards, beds, central heating and gas cooker with modern hobs. Carlight prices vary between £15,000 and £25,000.

Another image of the dowdy old days of caravanning vanished this week when the Vauxhall Calibra turbo 4x4 was voted towcar of the year by the Caravan Club. The 200bhp coupé beat 34 models from 11 nations for a title that might have been expected to go to a car with less elegance and a more robust exterior.

However, the Caravan Club judges said that although the Calibra Turbo was a performance car, it was equally at home as family transport with generous space for

the Astra? VAUXHALL executives are enjoying the kndos of a car which has

Who'll beat

passed 207,000 miles without needing major repairs. The four-year-old Astra 1.3 Merit automatic is used to teach disabled drivers, and still has its original engine, gearbox and exhaust.
Ian Weston of the First School of

Motoring, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, says he expects the Astra to break the 250,000 mile mark soon. Meanwhile, the hunt is on for

the car with the highest authenti-cated mileage in Britain. Age is not important, says Reed Automotive, of Oxford, but the car must be in

regular daily use.
Although the world record is attributed to a Volkswagen Beetle in California said to have covered. 1,402,515 miles, there is no British entry. Entrants should contact Reed

on 0993-778711 or go to stand 587 at the British International Motor Show at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham

Mix'n'match

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Cheap cheap

PRICING among small cars grows ever more aggressive. Kia, the new Korean range of "super minis" is offering the Pride 1.11, three-door hatchback at just £5,399, a cut of almost £400 on the original listing. That makes the car one of the cheapest in the showrooms even after being voted one of the best 20 buys by What Car? magazine.

Cold starting

AFTER you turn back the clock this weekend, check that your car is ready for the onset of winter. National Breakdown has issued a checklist, including suggestions that you; ensure lights and reflectors work; keep the windscreen clean and check wiper blades; top up washer bottles with a detergent; check spare wheel, jack and tools daylight to prevent turbling around in the dark; check the battery; carry a torch, warning triangle and warm clothing in the boot, and keep an eye out for pedestrians and cyclists who may be less visible on dark nights.

Northbound

THE doors of London's only car seum will close on October 31 to be transferred to its spiritual home in the Midlands. The Heritage Museum at Syon Park, Brentford, west London, houses the world's largest collection of British cars and has been in London for the past dozen years. However, it is moving to a new home at Gaydon, Warwickshire, to a site sponsored by the Rover Group.



Dash for gas MOTORISTS in Cuba are surviv-

ing on just six gallons of petrol a month, according to reports com-ing from Havana this week. As a result of the ending of preferential oil imports from its old ally the former Soviet Union, the Communist-controlled island is expected to consume this year less than half of the 1989 total of 13 million tonnes of oil.

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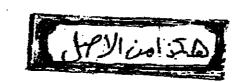
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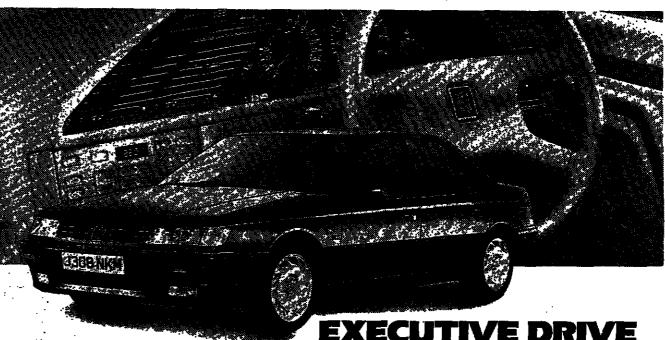
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The plan for a modern Domesday Book by 2000 is spearheaded by Capital & Counties, the property company, with assistance from Cambridge and East London universities and Ordnance Survey. The modern system should instantaneously deliver information on the nation's buildings and land unthinkable in the years after the Battle of Hastings.

Under the scheme, an example of a geographic information system, disparate data held by organisations such as the Inland Revenue, the environment department, local authorities, utilities and socioeconomic organisations will be linked in new and imagina-

tive ways. For example, a supermarket chain planning a store should have instant access to suitable areas of land with information on, say, rights of way, ownerNick Nuttall finds the computerised

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book will have 21st-century uses

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geology and electricity supalies. These lands can also be linked to the age and social and employment profiles of people living near by, enabling planners to build the store and tailor its goods to suit

potential customers. Michael Pattison, the chief executive of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, says that home buyers should be able to access the National

Land Information 'Issues of privacy System. the Domesday prodisclosure must cial name, to obtain

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Capital & Counties survey,

details of which were given at a meeting in London to discuss

the project this month, also show that a third of those

questioned, including law firms, local authorities and

academics, spent more than

£100,000 a year gathering land and building inform-

ation. Some, such as environ-

mental groups and councils,

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The system should also be able to offer insights into the ownership of inherited lands and buildings, some of which may be held by members of the royal family and peers, information at present unavailable to the public.

Ownership is added to the Land Registry only when a building or piece of land is sold. Ownership of only 14 million of the 22 million items is registered.

The registry, an enthusiastic supporter of the Domesday scheme, was hoping for legal changes that would allow it to register all holdings on an owner's death and added to the Domesday scheme as part of the initiative to offer an online registry service in England and Wales.

Whether the Domesday 2000 project becomes a reality may depend not so much on technical developments as on the enthusiasm of private companies and the government to make information available. Legislation also has to be passed allowing increasing amounts of data to be publicly

One such controversial piece of legislation, now awaiting a decision from the government, covers the listing and public disclosure of potentially contaminated land.

Meanwhile, a decision on which body or bodies will co-

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be made. At the conference Ordnance Survey, possibly in partnership with private enter-

was proposed for Professor Peter Dale, the head of the land surveying department at East London

public disclosure issues must also be considered. For example, in Sweden, where information disclosure is a less emotive issue than in Britain, people can "find out who owns a piece of land but cannot find out what land a person owns",

says. Delegates said another factor that may determine the success or failure of the system will be the cost of

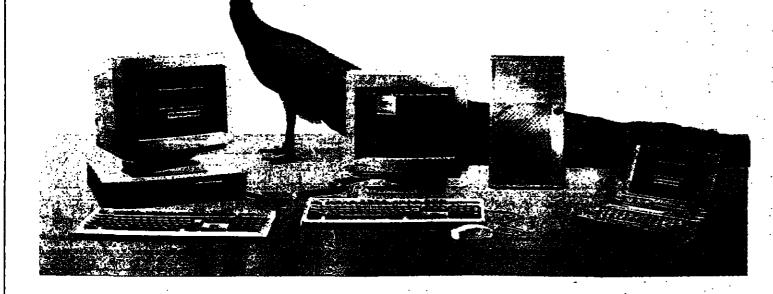
accessing information. In an effort to win public confidence and private business support for the scheme Mr Jolly says the project will

have a demonstration phase covering a town and a rural area. The demonstration system, due to be ready by mid 1993, will be developed by a researcher at the East London University working at Ordnance Survey's new GIS laboratory in Southampton.

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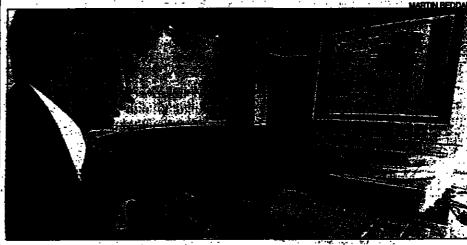
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Docking systems: fad or future for the business world?



Nigel Turner: "Companies don't like having to buy two machines for one employee"

Convertible computers on duty for a double shift

get the best of both worlds portable computers that con-

vert into desktop machines. The system, called the Duo, starts from £3,000 and consists of a notebook computer that can be removed from a desktop chassis and used out-side an office. When the computer is back at the work desk, it is placed inside the chassis and used like a conventional desktop machine.

Although sales of desktop computers, running at about 1.5 million a year in the UK at the moment, still far outnumber portable sales of 100,000 or so, analysts predict that such "docking" systems could provide the industry with a much needed boost.

"The sales gap is narrowing because there has been a dramatic increase in the performance of notebook computers," says Charles Smulderf, an analyst for the research firm Dataquest. "The notebook is now a viable alternative to a desktop."

This is borne out by Lewis Schrock, the portable product manager at Compaq, who says that about a third of the says that about a third of the company's notebook buyers are using them to replace desktops. Laptop computers have been largely superseded by smaller, lighter notebook machines, which can be the size of an A4 sheet of paper and the thickness of a fat paperback. Many are a third of the weight of a laptop.

However, small is not always beautiful and design compromises have to be made for increased portability. Note-

for increased portability. Notebook computers have small keyboards which can be awkward to use, while some computer commands, executed with a single keystroke on a desktop, may require several keystrokes on a notebook.

In addition, portable computers use flat screen, liquid-crystal displays for compactness, but these cannot match the clarity of a conven-

tional computer monitor.
The biggest problem, say those advocating docking systems, is that portables may not fit easily into office systems

week becomes the latest so information has to be

transferred to a desktop.

During the early 1980s, less than 5 per cent of the UK's business and institutional computers were networked. Today the figure is more than 70 per cent.

Companies don't like having to buy two machines for one employee — one for office use and another for portable computing," says Nigel Turner, product marketing manager for Apple. "Docking systems offer a way around the

Mr Smulderf says: "The buzz word is duality. Companies are looking to get the most out of their investments."

coff Dennis, the dev-London borough of Newham. uses a docking system devel-oped by Olivetti. The system consists of a notebook computer and a desktop module, which has connections for a primer, monitor, mouse pointing device and networking. The computer plugs straight into the module, removing the need for connecting cables.
In the past, Mr Dennis used

two desktop machines. Now he has a notebook computer and two docking stations.

"When I had two desktop computers I used to copy work.

files on to a floopy disc, take them home and then copy them on to my second computer's hard disc," he explains.

Mr Schrock says: "A docking system means that you don't have to change the way you work." However, he adds

that docking stations present many design challenges. "They need sophisticated software that automatically sets up

pple Computer this into wider computer networks, 'is in place," he says. "The docking station also needs to power up with a single switch. Users shouldn't have to mess around with multiple switches or cables. And they need a security lock so that people can't walk away with your

> Mr Turner says: "If a company has a large sales force constantly on the road, it's rather wasteful to have desktop machines just sitting around the office most of the time. It might be more economical to use several docking stations which employees can use when they return to the

Apple's new Duo system uses a notebook computer, which weighs about 41b and is about 11/2in thick and includes a hard disc. When used in an office the notebook slips into the docking base in the same way a video tape is

inserted into a video recorder.

Apple has also announced a £400 mini-docking system to connect the Duo to conventional computer systems when it is used away from the office with the full chassis.

Those against docking sys-tems believe that the market is temporary at best. They argue that forthcoming developments such as improved screen displays and wireless communication systems will soon enable portable computers to connect up to networks from almost anywhere and soon make docking stations redundant

But Mr Turner says: "It will be a long time before portable screen quality catches up with the desktop picture tube, and nobody is close to developing a decent full-size keyboard for

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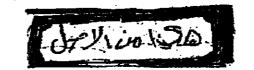
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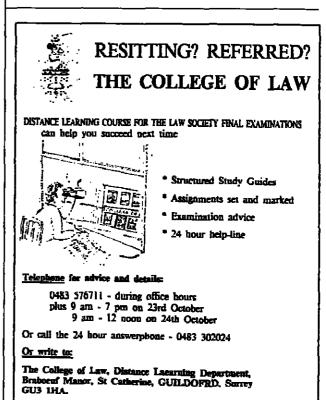
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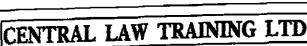
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I he old has to make way for the new. And the new in rugby union has much to commend it, thank goodness. With the vitality of its vigorous league image other sports envy. rugby is beginning to look like a game that appeals beyond the

But for those of us whose time will come soon to nod by the fire and take down a book or two, instead of traipsing the terraces of a Saturday afternoon, there are regrets, too, at this changing mood.

Rugby's conscience is struggling painfully with a past based on a benevolent guard-ianship and a future laid open can the old sentiments attached to the game still ring

Ian Beer, the England president next year, stood in the oak-panelled and high-ceilinged dining hall in Christ's Hospital, Horsham, and addressed the Sussex Schools' Rugby Union. They were celebrating the promotion of excellence after 40 years

His theme, which any rugby man would happily em-brace, was: "Rugby is a healthy physical team game that caters for all shapes and sizes and gives every opportunity for a player, whatever his Rugby is a game to enjoy for



GERALD DAVIES

Rugby Commentary

its own sake." As a teacher who has spent a lifetime among pupils at Ellesmere, Lancing and Harrow, Beer knew what he was talking about and to whom. It could

have applied anywhere. Newbolt's "play up, play up and play the game" - his ided romanticism to war apart — remains sport's compelling thesis. Without

fair play, no logic can be The present concern for fair play, however, is not on the playing field itself; rather the lack of trust that exists between the rugby unions and the clubs and the lack of integrity between clubs and

players. They are not playing

fair with each other.

bright horizon in the distance, which they could have once extolled, is no longer so clear. "For you young people," he went on, "there's nothing wrong with rugby football." It was a loaded plea.

More implicit within it was a recognition that, beyond the huffed schoolboy's search for niable wrongs. Elsewhere, a worm had entered the apple. Money is at the core. The rugby unions, in up-holding the principles of armateurism, determine that no

person should receive pay-

ment. The clubs, contraven

ing this principle, however,

their players. Yet they

proof of this duplicity. At least two English clubs were reviewed last year. Nothing was found; nothing will be. The money which ultimately goes to the player's pocket does not go inrough

the dub treasurer's financial he club's "sugar dad-dy" on the sidelines, a sponsor perhaps, provides at least one loophole. It

is no different in Wales. If the amateur idea has never been entirely virtuous, the oft-told tales of little brown envelopes found in boots were greatly exaggerated, too. Ofen it was regarded as no more than a joke. The joke, from one club to the next asking what is in it for them.

If they remain dissatistied, they ask the same question elsewhere. They play one dub against another in an attempt to push up the price. In these shenanigans, there are going to be casualties; not least, the game's honour.

Amateur sport is endeavour innocent endeavour's sake. There is nothing wrong with that Professional means you get paid for it. There is nothing wrong with that, either. But "shamateurism" is a swindle and a deceit. Sadly, it is where rugby now belongs Teacher, what do you tell the children now?

Australia's smallest player may wield biggest influence at Wembley

Langer looms large in final plans

BY CHRISTOPHER INVINE

AUSTRALIA yesterday put the finishing touches to their preparations for the rugby eague World Cup final against Great Britain at Wernbley tomorrow. Almost lost in the hulking presence of his team-mates, Allan Langer, all 5ft 5in and 11st of him. looked a misplaced figure, which just goes to show appearances can be deceiving.

Malcolm Reilly, the Britain coach, will not need to spell this out to his team. Langer, the smallest player on Wembley's wide expanse yesterday, quite simply poses the biggest threat. Within his armoury at scrum half, he has the firepower to cut Britain's defence to

Mal Meninga may be Australia's captain and powerhouse runner but Langer, 26, runs the show. With his closeshaven head, the Brisbane Broncos player is easy to pick out, but less easy to put down. His deft kicks, darting runs and shrewd organisation of the Australia offence can cre-

Stopping him is no easy task, either. Tacklers risk collaring him high while explosive pace off the mark, upperbody strength and a wicked sidestep can take him past the stoutest of defenders.

Langer will not want for inspiration at Wembley. On his last appearance there. when Britain won the first international of Australia's tour two years ago, his opposite number, Andy Gregory, outplayed him. As a result, he was dropped for the next two

The experience still rankles. said. "I don't like thinking rounded player.



Small wonder: Langer is dwarfed by his team-mates, from left, Lindner, Sironen and Meninga, at Wembley yesterday

about it but I didn't have a good game and suffered the consequences. You learn from that kind of experience. I am confident enough now to go out and play my game."
The World Cup final will

not be a new experience for Langer. Since scoring two tries in the 25-12 defeat of New Zealand in the 1988 final in "It's got to be my most Auckland, he has grown in disappointing moment," he maturity and stature as a more

Langer showed this year, during the first of the three internationals against Great Britain in Sydney, the danger of permitting him space to function. The ease of Australia's 22-6 victory was due in large part to his dominance at scrum half over a debilitated

Gregory. A repeat of that latitude could be costly. Deryck Fox. the Bradford Northern scrum

Behind a juggernaut pack, half, who will oppose him for Britain, has nothing but re-

THE'S a general, we have to shut him out of the game and stop him calling the shots," he said. "If you don't, he'll shoot through the gap. He's got exceptional strength for a man his size. The trick is catching him early."

In winning the Winfield Cup, Australia's premiership, a competition where stifling

defence normally precludes and his Brisbane Broncos side and verve.

He led the Broncos in all aspects, scoring 12 tries, and was also awarded every individual domestic honour. The big men may make Wembley shake tomorrow but it is the smallest player on the field who could wreak the

greatest havoc.

MOTOR RACING

Yamaha to end deal with Jordan

FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN SUZUKA

YAMAHA yesterday provided further evidence of Japan's diminishing role in Formula One when it was announced that they will end their partnership with the British-based Jordan team at the end of this

It took some of the gloss off another announcement, that Derek Warwick, the British driver, is to return to grands prix in 1993 with the Japanese-owned Footwork team.

Yamaha, who have supplied engines to Joxdan since the start of this year, confirmed the split in a joint statement issued at the Suzuka race circuit, where the Formula One teams will today start the qualification heats for the penultimate race of the 1992

season on Sunday.

The news follows a finistrating season of engine problems for Jordan and comes just a month after Honda, McLaren's engine suppliers, said they would suspend their Formula One programme at the end of the year. Eddie Jordan, the team

chief, will now have to look for another engine, either at Ford or perhaps from another Brit-

Warwick, 38. who won the world sportscar championship this year, has ten years of grand prix experience. He replaces Michele Alboreto alongside the Japanese driver, Aguri Suzuki, in the Milton Keynes-based Footwork lineBASEBALL

Key plays leading role as Toronto edge closer to title

THE Toronto Blue Jays moved to within one game of becoming the first non-American club to win the World Series championship by beating the Atlanta Braves 2-1 here on Wednesday. The result gave them a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

For the third consecutive ame, their victory was achieved by a single run and, once again, the game was dominated by powerful dis-plays of starting pitching. Tom Glavine, who pitched Atlanta to victory in the this time and the win went to

Jimmy Key, who has been with the Blue Jays throughout

his nine year career. The other outstanding individuals of the night were Pat Borders, whose 342-foot bome quo in the third innine gave the Blue Jays the lead, and Devon White, who singled home what proved to be the winner in the seventh. Lemke brought home Gant for the Braves cun with a sacrifice in the eighth.

If the series has proved anything so far, it is that there teams. But if any one man can. difference, it is Cito Gaston.

the Toronto manager: Jays to the brink of the success the chib has craved since being admitted into the Major Leagues in 1977 but the fans in Toronto are only now beginning to give him the credit he is due.

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The Blue Jays have won their division three times since Gaston became manager in May 1989 but two American League play-offs have obscured those achievethere have been plenty rea to sneer about their "half

sticking with players who are struggling to find form. This h**as sometimes** been taken as a sign of weakness. Now, it seems like strength:

Many experts believed it as time to give the third seman, Kelly Gruber, a rest after 23 at bats without a hit; Gaston persevered and was rewarded with a home run in game three Although Devon batting seemed to make him a had three hits and batted in

finally get their way. Gaston admits he does not want to Gaston has steered the Blue manage for much longer. "I want to spend some time with my family," he said on Wed-nesday. "I want some quality time for Cito. I want to be a little selfish and do some things that I haven't had a chance to do in my life."

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St Jovite withdrawn from Breeders' Cup

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

ST JOVITE, the Irish Derby and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes winner, was dramatically withdrawn yesterday from the Breeders' Cup The official reason given for

his sudden scratching from the \$3 million race at Gulfstream Park on Saturday week was an infection in an upper respiratory tract. However, there was intense speculation yesterday that the unexpected move followed a clash between Jim Bolger,

trainer of St Jovite, and the colt's owner, Virginia Craft Payson, over who should ride the colt in Florida. Christy Roche has not only been the regular rider of St Jovite but, as Bolger has stresssed repeatedly, he has

played an integral part in the Newbury yesterday. "That's a There has been mounting

speculation on the other side of the Atlantic that Roche would be replaced in the Breeders' Cup race by Laffit Pincay, following criticism of the way Roche rode St Jovite in the Irish Champion Stakes when he was beaten by Dr Devious.

Bolger said yesterday: "St Jovite will not run in the Classic and he is not going to run in Ireland again. St Jovite will continue his racing career as a four-year-old in the United States, where

he will be trained by Jim Bond Supporters of Selkirk re-ceived a timely boost prior to his Breeders' Cup challenge when his work companion. Heart Of Darkness, carried 10 stone to victory in the Amec

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good omen." Ian Balding said. Selkirk, trimmed by William Hill to 9-2 for the \$1 million mile race, will have his last gallop at Kingsclere on Saturday before flying to Florida on Monday.

Balding had wanted to fly

Selkirk to Belmont or Aqueduct racetrack in New York for his period of quarantine be-fore transporting his star miler to Florida on the eve of the race. The plan, aimed at protecting Selkirk from five days of Florida heat and humidity, was rejected by the American department of agri-

culture officials. While Ray Cochrane exudes confidence about Selkirk's chances, Balding remains concerned about how he will handle the tight American track. "It's a nightmare track and a bit like running round the paddock here," he said.

"With a straight of only 300 yards you can't ride a race. You have to be so lucky. It is not that he is no good enough but if he gets stuck behind a bad horse there is nothing you can do about it. We will just have to hope he has some Indications of a bigger threat to Selkirk materialised

the mile race rather than the Classic, which was thought to be the preferred option for Francois Boutin's star. Ladbrokes trimmed Arazi to 5-2, with a run, for the mile race and pushed him out to 5-

as money poured on Arazi for

1 for the Classic. Landon Knight, an Ohiobased owner-breeder, proved that the Atlantic horse traffic is not all one way when Beggerman Thief, sent by him to John Gosden, ran out an impressive winner of the Vodafone Horris Hill Stakes.

Newbury

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16-1): 3, Zebolm (Kin hicDonnel, 14-1): 4,
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RAN: 6 Highland Megic, 8 8ll Moon, 9
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14 Therwest, Brooks Express, 16 Chemnel
Kneve, 20 Leigh Crofler, 33 Just A Step,
Gold Jubileo, Roxy Music, Looting, Hightown-Princess, Contin Hill Shi), Amethystine (8th), 20 ran, NP: Key Beeyou, 154, 3kl,
6, 11, 21 Lord Hurstgroon at West Isley,
Tota: £4.20; £1.50, £4.40, £5.10, £3.90, DF:
256.70, CSF: £73.55, Tricast: £33.96, 11 108-20. CSF: 273-26. Tricast: \$239.63.
2.40 (1m 85 61yd) 1, DARIJ (S Cauthen, 100-30 law); 2, lawor Flustor (B Doyle, 15-2): 3, Welsh MB (W R Swinburn, 12-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Cystal Cross, 7 River Anchor, 15-2 Catques, 8 Alyelli (4th), Top Spin (5th), 10 Antiquan Pyer (8th), 20 Motosees, 10 ren. 244. 23, 41, Ind. 101. J Gooden at Newmarker. Tota: 23-90: 21-80, 52-00, 62-10. DF: 224. 10. CSF: 227-68. Tricast: 2144.53.
3.10 (77 64yd) 1, BEGGARMANN THEFF (R Cochrace, 5-1): 2, Bin Alward (S Cauthen, 7-1): 3, Prof. 1 (100-10), 10 Red. 25-1), ALSO RAN: 3-1 tar Ulcourt Request (10h), 5 Desart. Snot, 8 Sharp Prod. 10 Northistor (4th), 11 Kusarriba (5th), 42 Zimzalobim, 25 Press Galley, 33 New Capricoth, 11 can. 2, 3, hd, 3, 2, J Gooden at Newmarker, Tota: 55-00. CSP: 236-22.
3.40 (1m) 1, HEART OF DARPONESS (8) 28424 3424 (Im) 1, HEART OF DARRONESS (R Cochran, 4-1); 2, Shaffaef (M Hills, 8-1); 3, Knock To Enter (W R Swirtpurn, 8-1); ALSO RAN: 7-2 tay Forese Plantonds, 7 America, 9 Aphandir (Shi), 12 Daswald, Plopin Park, Sharp N Smooth (41), 14 Madhe Diver, 20

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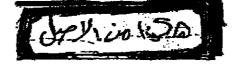
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Wincanton Going: good 2.15 (2m hdie) 1. Sun Surier (C Llevellyn, 12-1); 2. Aul B. Auf (23-1); 3. Lumbelle (33-1). Phirty Story 8-11 fav. 14 ren. 2. 11. T Forster, Toke, 21 (30.0); 23.60, 23.00, 25.00. DF: £55.90, CSF: £210.23.

2-45 (3m if 110yd ch) 1, Country Member - (I. Hervey, 3-1 lav); 2, Welknown Character (4-1); 3, Fare Luck (10-1); 8 tart, NRP Royal Carlstonen, 254, 20, 1 mirell, Totar 54.40; 51.50, \$1.60, \$2.30, DF 58.40, \$85.214.47. Tricest: \$94.01. After a steuentis enquiry and an objection by the second, result shoot. 3.15 (2m 6) hdle) 1, Shannon Juliette (B Powell, 14-1); 2, Coombasbury Lane (5-1); 3, Arna Valley (7-2 ji-sev), Prudent Peggy 7-2 ji-sev (pul. 16 ran. 11, hd. D Gamdolfo. 7-2 ji-sev (pul. 16 ran. 11, hd. D Gamdolfo. 2137,80, CSF-283,86, £130, £130, £1

8.45 (2m 5f ct) 1, Remittance Man (R Dunecody, 4-1f tag); 2, Kings Fountain (5-2); 3, Setter Country (40-1), 4 ran, 12, 25, N Henderson, Tota; \$1.30, DF; \$1.40, CSF; \$1.87. 4.15 (2m 8f ch) 1, Monebuck (Mr Andrew Lillingston, 12-1); 2, 'Glove Purpet (5-1); 3, 'Instrusedown, Tootsle (10-1), 'Mack Pound 15-6 fav (ur), 12 ran, 7, 3, Lady Herrica, Tote: £13.40; 22.60, £1.80, £2.10 DF: £54.80, CSF: £67.52

4.45 (2nt India) 1, Forest Plante (M A Fizzoral); 2, Rag Time Belle (9-2); 3, San Loranzo (13-8 fay), 6 fan, 4, 15, Ms; 3, G Reter, Tote: 29.00; 21.90, 21.70, 21.10. DF: 234.90, CSF: 258.56, Tricast: £121.22. Plecepot: 9233.10.



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Progressive Tinryland can spark treble for Dunwoody

RICHARD Dunwoody has sound prospects of landing a treble at Newbury today on

Timyland, Travado and Mighty Mogul. Timyland and Travado are trained by Nicky Henderson and they looked in fine fettle when I saw them at Henderson's new Seven Barrows base

The ground is right for Tinryland, who is my choice to win the Glynwed International Handicap Chase, the day's most valuable race.

In his first season over fences Timyland took high rank when finishing second to Young Pokey in the James Capel Novices Chase at Ascot and the Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham.

Sandwiched between those good performances over two miles was the first of his two victories gained at Kempton

MANDARIN

2.40 Milzig.

3.10 Tinnyland,

4.10 Travado.

2.10 The Demon Barber.

4.40 MIGHTY MOGUL (nap).

Scap: Top Javallo 9-4, Emerald Surset 9-3.

RICHARD EVANS: 3.10 Strong Gold; 3.40 None So Brave.

2.10 OCTOBER HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,704: 3m 110yd) (6 runners)

1991: CLASSIC STATEMENT 5-10-5 W McFarland (7-4 lan) R Lee 8 dec

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THE DEMON BARBER best He Who Dares Wins 44 In 7-monor Bargur (Zhu, good) hardisap classe. EMERALD SUNSET (1th worse oil) 321.6th. MAY-hard TATEMENT DEST except to their 147 4th of 17 to Evention in Ultimater (Shr, soft) handle cap hundle. NETTH 1594 3rd of 7 to Sweet Dutte in Albert (Zhe Ed, good to soft) handlesp handle will a Selection: NETH Selection (Shr, good to soft) handlesp handle will selection.

BETTERS: 7-4 Michy, 7-2 Meastress, 4-1 Multiby Island, 5-1 Ether's Close, 12-1 Addison, 20-1 Stzzling Alfair, 25-1 Alto Petresss, Croton's Dancer, 33-1 others.

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3.10 GLYNWED INTERNATIONAL HAMBICAP CHASE BBC2

1991: ESPY 8-11-12 G Bradley (4-1) C Brooks 6 ran

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2.40 FALCON CATERING EQUIPMENT NOVICES

HUPPOLE (3-Y-0: £3,028: 2m 110yd) (10 numbers)

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nent, Kati, 3-1 Maylair Miss, 7-2 The Desson Barber, 10-1 Top Javalie, 20-1 Essentid

3.40 Staunch Friend.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

over two-and-a-half miles. which is today's trip.

Top weight will be carried by Espy who won the corresponding race 12 months ago. As he has won first time out three times in the last four years, Espy clearly comes to hand easily.

However, I am more afraid of Space Fair who finished third in the Arkle, only two lengths behind Tinryland.

Travado, my selection for the Leisure Thinking Sink

Novices Chase, was a good novice hurdler who has schooled well over fences. In hindsight, his trainer realises that he ran him in the wrong race at the National Hunt

THUNDERER

2.40 Milzig.

3.10 Brandeston.

4.40 Barge Boy.

3.40 Staunch Friend.

4.10 Champagne Lad.

failed to get the trip over two-and-a-half miles in the Sun Alliance Hurdle in which Ashfold Copse, his main rival now, finished third.

Over today's shorter dis-tance Travado is taken to So Brave, the principal run-outpace Ashfold Copse as he ners for the Flavel-Leisure did when they finished first and fourth respectively at Kempton last Boxing Day. My nap though is Mighty Mogul to win the Seven Barrows Handicap Hurdle.

His trainer David Nichol-

son was fancying him to win

today's race even before his galloping companion Baydon Star won a similar event at Ascot on Wednesday. Following Baydon Star's performance, confidence in Mighty Mogul's ability to make a winning start to the

prospect last season when trained by Jenny Pitman, has not been punished by the handicapper even though he has to carry 11st 81b here. With the exception of None ners for the Flavel-Leisure Four-Year-Old Hurdle have

all had a recent run on the Flat

to put them right after their

summer's rest. Staunch Friend, my selection, won well over today's course and distance last February and he also easily ac-counted for the Triumph Hurdle winner Duke Of Monmouth at Punchestown

in the spring.

There will also be a jumping flavour at today's Doncaster Flat meeting when Morley Street, the champion hurdler season will be even greater. in 1991, can collect the Nicholson believes Mighty caster Writers Stakes. in 1991, can collect the Don-

3.40 FLAVEL-LEISURE FOUR YEAR OLD HURDLE BBC2

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1991: PEACE KING 5-10-11 M Perreit (9-4 tex) G Harwood 6 ran

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5.10 EBF NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,926: 2m 110yd) (25 runners)

1991: SHAIT'S CHOICE 8-11-2 S Barrough (19-8 lan) C Pophise 4 rac FORM FOCUS

4.40 SEVEN BARROWS HANDICAP HURDLE

1991: BOOKGASE 11-0 P Holley (S-4) D Esworth 3 ran

4.10 LEISURE THENKING SINK NOVICES CHASE

Remittance Man triumphs after blunder



Henderson: Huntingdon is next objective

REMITTANCE Man survived a heart-stopping blunder at the third fence from home to outclass Kings Foun-tain in the Desert Orchid

Having brought his record over fences to ten wins from 11 starts, the top-rated jumper is now firmly on target for an attempt to improve on his third to The Fellow in last year's King George VI Chase at Kempton. "It was a combination of over-exuberance and blowing up at the same time," said Richard Dunwoody. "I left it

to him and he got a hit low."

South West Pattern Chase at

Wincanton yesterday.

By Michael Seely

Recovering immediately, the 11-4 on favourite went clear to win by 12 lengths. The sight of Desert Orchid and Rodney Boult galloping past the stand beforehand had whetted the crowd's

appetite.
"The important thing now is to get Remittance Man to relax," said Nick Henderson. his trainer. "We are keen to get him switched off and settled so he can stay three miles."

The Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon on November 24 is a likely interim objective. dened to hear of the sudden

death of Colonel Tommy Wallis, a director of Wincanton. Always a cheerful, bustling and energetic figure, the "colonel" was an inveterate punter, and my last recollection is of him breaking into a run on his way into Tattersalls to

Stakes. friend of Wallis, said: "Tommy was the ultimate enthusiast. No matter how bad things were, whether it was sunny or raining, he always knew a good thing for the next race. That's a very rare

back Sayyedati to beat Lyric

Fantasy in the Cheveley

DONCASTER

1.30 Hob Green. 2.00 Tajhiz. 2.30 Palacagate Sunset. 3.00 Morley Street. 3.30 Kiveton Kabooz. 4.00 Specified.

4.30 Gong.

1.00 Dahyah. 1.30 Hob Green. 2.00 Wisham. 2.30 Trepidation. 3.00 Glaisdale. 3.30 MRS BARTON (nap). 4.00 Specified.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.00 DAHYAH (nep). 3.00 Jungle Dancer. 4.00 Specified. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 DAHYAH.

DRAW: STRAIGHT COURSE, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; ROUND COURSE, LOW NUMBERS HAVE SLIGHT ADVANTAGE

1.00 EBF FLAXTON MAIDEN STAKES

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(2)	0	MORTH CALL 20 (The Boxted 9) 6 Eden 8-9	-
(11)		NASSMA (Stellin Armed Al Maktourn) J Farchano 8-9 W Fl Swighten	-
(12)		FOLLINGWORTH GPL (J Holdroyd) S Norton 8-9	-
(4)	00	SMITH M'ALLAN 9 (D Graham) Bob Jones 9-0	-
(8)	5	SLIVOVITZ 23 (B Simpson) M Heaton-Eilis 9-0	92
(13)		ROYAL EXECUTIVE (E & C Financial Services Ltd.) C Britain 9-0 B Doyle (5)	-
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(9)	0	EVER SO LYRICAL, 15 (The Pandley Publics) P Harris 9-0	-
(10)	4	DAHYAH SS (89) (M Al-Makkoum) M Souta 9-8	8
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. 8			HOB GREEN B (D.F.S.) (Mrs A Signmorth) Mrs J Ramaden 3-8-4 (5ex) J Weener	
. 9			GABBIADORII 4 (V.D.F) (Star Eng Products LM) M Tompides 5-8-3 S Makey (4).	
10			PARFAIT AMOUR 4 (V.F) (Mrs & Wilkinson) R Whitzier 3-8-2	
			TAKENHALL 6 (D.F.G) (C Peancerr) M Fetherston-Godley 7-8-0	
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2.00 EBF FLAXTON MAIDEN STAK (Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,640: 7f) (14 runners)

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(13)		MABAADI (Shalib Algred Al Maldourn) M Jarvis 9-0	_
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(12)		SOLOMON'S DÁNCÉR (D Hart) W Halch 9-0	_
(2)		TAJHZ (H Al-Madagos) J Gosden 9-0	_
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(3)		ELEGANT BLUE (6 Greenwood) Mrs L Ployatt 8-9 L Ployatt	
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(6)		RESTRABIT (Lord Zetland) P Calver 8-9	_
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5	(15)		BAJKA 17 (J Bray) W Jarvis 9-2	_
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7	(6)	00000	SCOFFERA 37 (Mrs C Couley) N Traider 9-0 Kim Tinkler	83
5	(4)	00652	HONORARY GUEST 11 (Mrs. J. Mucray Smith) D Mestay Smith 9-0 T Rogers	85
9	(2)	010005	KALOOCH: 11 (B.F) (Lord of Lewiscor) R Hannan 8-13	90
	(III)	000	PRIOCENT ABROAD 15 (A Coclemit (Farms) Ltd) C Boots 8-12 G Oxford	82
11	(12)	304620	ANNI HILL 2 (BP) (A Hills) R Hollanchead 8-11 A Garth (7)	98
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14	(3)	520012	PALACEGATE SURGET 18 (D.S) (Princagese Conjunction Ltd) J Berry 8-10 J Carroll	98
15	(19)	004661	NELLE'S GAMBLE 17 (S) (B Grainger) A Stringer 8-9	
16	(9)	5104 00	MBSS FAYRUZ 37 (E) (K Philipp) Mis L Plogoti 8-9 L Plogoti	93
17	(16)		-KDAWAH 24 (R Fetd) J Fanstano 8-8	
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19	(17)	5000G	MINISTER MAN 32 (R Whiteler) & Rodright B-5 & Darticle	92
20	(20)	0600	VENTURE PRINTS 49 (F Roserstiel's Witten & Soc) R Champion 8-6 J LOWS	86
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1991: WISE MOVE 8-4 J Water (9-2) Mrs J Remoder 20 ran

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3	(1)	203	542	BOARDING SCHOOL 13J (F) (R Green) C Parter 5-9-0	8		
4	6	51	10026	COSMIC FITTEE 15 (B) (A AM S Wheels 7.8.4) W Usbroke 7.	9		
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1	2	066022	KSVETOK KABOOZ 22 (B.RF.F.S) (K H (Equine) Ltd) J Slover 4-9-13 A Marro	93
2.	(ii)	440054	GOOD HAND 24 (C.F.G) (Mrs M Haggar) J Watts 6-9-7	95
3	(6)	31-0033	SARAWAT 17 (D.F.G) (S Aldom) Mrs G Revoley 4-9-5 K Darley	95
4	(8)	002320	AAHSAYLAD 6 (V.C.D.F.G.S) (M Staplaton 27 (F)) F Let 8-9-4	91
5	(4)	0/263-44	SIGNOR SASSIE 181J (P Grundy) N Tinkier 4-8-6	90
8			STAPLETON (Shalith Michamoned) J Walts 3-8-4	9
7	(12)	060621	MPS BARTON 7 (B,D,F,G) (A Morton) 8 Hills 4-8-3 (4ed)	96
8	(11)	33-0203	ALDARAWAAN 17 (Hamdan Al-Maldanom) J Dunkop 3-8-2 W Carson	92
9	(5)	101300	MALENDIR 153 (D,S) (J Purcell) R Spicer 4-7-11 L Chemock	98
10	(3)	23023/0	POKEY'S PRIDE 25 (D.F) (M Whater) J Bostock 9-7-10 J Lower	-
11	(4)	005400	BALAAT 20J (F) (A Marin) M Chayoran 4-7-9 T Williams	86
12	(7)	043020	BOLD AMBRITON 6 (5) (T Karsey) T Karsey 5-7-7	81
ong	band	capt Bold .	Ambilien 6-8.	

BETTING: 3-1 Kheton Kabooz, 9-2 Mrs Barton, 5-1 Algairawaan, Sarawat, 7-1 Aabsaytat, 10-1 : 12-1 Good Hand, 16-1 ethers. 1991: SATIN LOVER 3-8-13 F Norton (9-4 tay) A Aleburat 9 can

4.00 WHEATLEY PARK GRADUATION STAKES

(2-Y	O. £3	435: 6f) (5 runners)				
1	(1)	132 COLYAN 111 (D,BF,B) (Lord White) M Strong 9-3				
2	(2)	1 SPECIFIED 9 (D,G) (K Abdusta) J Gosden 9-3 Pat Eddary (
3	(4)	O10 TYKEYVOR 21 (C.F) (H Key) M Tomplens 9-3 P Robinson 1				
4.	. GI _	. 214_WATH 25: (F) (H) Al-Maldaurn) H Thompson Junes 9-9				
5	(5)	SURRYVIEW LAD (J Mckny) F History 8-11 Dean McKnows				
BETTING: 5-4 Specified, 9-4 Walhile, 5-2 Colyan, 8-1 Tyleyvor, 33-1 Sunsysies Lad.						
1991: WOL/HOUMO 9-3 S Caudien (4-7 lav) J Gosden 6 ran						

4.30 mansfield brewery stakes handicap

14	,337	: 1m ma	() (20 runners)
1	(13)	113058	BOURSIN 28 (F,6) (K MacPherson) P Caher 3-9-11 J Fortone
2	(19)	D-1	BALLYMONE/BOY 185 (D.S) (Mrs & Coughlen) M Tompkins 3-9-9. P Robinson
3	(12)	100153	AMAZING FEAT 8 (6) (P Savit) Mrs 6 Reveloy 3-9-8 K Darley
4	(2)	503-D	MEDIA MESSENGER 6 (Lord Lambion) Denys Smith 3-9-7
5	(14)	124300	MORSUN B (B.F.) (I Suries) D Mortey 3-9-7
6	(7)	· 521500	GONG 23 (G) (A Oktrey) P Wateryn 3-8-5
7	(20)	021100	BUZZAROS BELLBUOY 20 (D.G.S) (N Cardner) H Collingridge 3-9-4 J Carlon
8	(8)	00-0560	REGENT LAD 119 (CO,F,6) (A Eximerson) Miss L State 8-9-4
9	(9)	010300	LORD VIVENDLE 18 (D.F.G) (3 Purcell) R Spicer 3-9-4 L. Degod
10	(5)		KALIKO 10 (BLF) (Lady Beavertrook) C Bridgin 3-8-12
11	(4)		MAY HILLS LEGACY 15 (6) (Miss & Williams) D Arbuitmoi 3-8-12 R Cochrane
12	(15)	560000	HABETA 6 (CO.F.G) (R Biolomeson) J Walts 6-8-12
13			LEAP NY THE DARK 9 (D.F) (Mrs. J Darkop) J Duntop 3-8-11 T Oaton
14	(18)		WILD PROSPECT 8 (V.F.S) (6 Dyson) C Tinkles 4-8-17 M Sixth
15	(1)	309450	DIACO 20 (D.F.S.) (J Good) M Jarvis 7-8-10
	(3)		BIRTHDAYS' CHILD 165 (Birmany's Card Shops) J Faostows 4-8 10 W R Swinburg
17	(10)		GREAT LORD 59 (D,F) (Shalith Michammed) J Wats 3-8-9
18			MR TATE 32 (J Fahey) R Aleitors; 3-8-8
19		580-000	CASHTAL DAZZLER 15 (D.F.S) (8 Todd) N Tinkler 5-8-7
20	(6)	616906	SINGERS MAGE 10 (D,F) (Miss B Serre) 6 Balding 3-8-7
ΕĤ	NG: E	-2 Amazio	g Fiszi, 6-7 Bailymisony Boy, 7-1 Gong, Buzzards Bellingoy, 8-1 Singers Imagu, Bours
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1991: SCALES OF JUSTICE 5-8-11 R HBIs (4-1) J HBIs 17 nm

Tommy Wallis

dies, aged 69

COLONEL Tommy Wallis, a Jockey Club member and

former managing director of the Racecourse Holdings Trust (RHT), died on Wednes-

day, aged 69.

Lord Hartington, the senior

steward, said yesterday: "Tommy made an immense contri-

bution to racing. His enthusiasm and amazing abil-

ity to communicate among the racing community was reflected in the deep affection felt by

The best horse he owned was Cash Desire, who won the

Grand Military Gold Cup in

He is survived by a widow.

Vivien, two sons, John and

Stephen, and a daughter,

Nona.

☐ Seven English-trained

horses were among the accep-

tors yesterday for the group

one Prix Royal-Oak (French St Leger) at Longchamp on Sun-day. They are: Witness Box. Further Flight, Always

Friendly, Allegan, Balnibarbi,

Assessor and Spring.

everyone who knew him." Wallis was heavily involved in the RHT's acquisition of Newmarket, Haydock Park

and Aintree

HEREFORD MANDARIN 2.15 Boys Rocks. 2.45 Emperors Warrior. 3.15 Kissane. 3.45 Helmar. 4.15 Staunch Rival. 4.45 Handy Dove. 5.15 Konvekta King.

THUNDERER 2.15 Sandford Springs. 2.45 Romola Nijinsky, 3.15 Kissane. 3.45 Helmar. 4.15 Staunch Rival. 4.45 Sydney Barry. 5.15 Konvekta King.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.15 EAGLE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,302: 2m 3f 11Dyd) (17 runners)

	100-4	PCS+(CC) 13 V TRING 2-10-13 AL MESSAL (S)
2	/0	SCILDEN MADJAMBO 15 F Jordan 6-10-13 J Lodder
3	5/	HICKORY WIND 476F J Allen 5-10-13 Mr N Bradley (7)
4	ADO-	HIGH STREET BLIES 331 T Auddy 5-10-13 Lawrence
5		MESTY 258 T Forsier 5-10-13 C Liewellyn
Ğ	56-0	MUCH 7 Mrs A Price 5-10-13 Mr C Campbell (7)
7	DV	PLACED LAD 538 J Webber 5-10-13
8	D-4	SPENSING STEEL 15 M Mente 5-10-13 J Railton
è		BLASKET HERO 17 Mrs S Williams 4-10-12 Peter Hobbs
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iī		LANSDOWNE 198 0 0 Neel 4-10-12 Y States (5)
12		LAST MATCH 13 B Prece 4-10-12. T Wall
		OLD GLORY 10F M Saunders 4-10-12
14		LEINTHALL FOX 13 (BF.S) 1 Needham 6-10-8 Richard Guset
15		MARKE SWIFT 9 & Lieucilyo 7-10-8 Mr. J. L. Lieucilyo (7)
	DE.	MARINERS LOVE 13 Miss S Wilton 6-10-8
17		SANDFORD SPRINGS 254 D Burchell 5-10-8
2-1 Lei	estell F	ex, 3-1 Sandiord Springs, 4-1 Mayly, 13-2 Blacket Hero, 8-1 Placki
Lag. 12	1 Sou	naing Steel, 14-1 others.
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	141, 121 Spring Seet, 121 West
ı	2.45 WHEATSHEAF SELLING HANDICAP HURDL (£1,601: 2m 3f 110yd) (13)

Built in just over 18 months 9-4 Briglins, 11-4 Emperor's Warrior, 9-2 Romola Millinsky, 6-1 Auslibr, 10-1 Montylesie, 14-1 olitars.

> 3.15 green dragon handicap chase (\$2,360: 3m 1f 110yd) (5)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

3.45 MASH TUN NOVICES CHASE (£1.891; 2m) (10) 1 0-13 DVR.N 23 (D.F) K Berbe 6-17-8.

2	00/	BANGASH 632 J Webber 6-11-2	M M Lynd
3	025-	CARBONATE 172 (F,S) R Busiler 7-11-2	B Powe
4		COBO BAY 298 (F) K White 7-11-2.	
5		HELMAR 15 (S) F Jordan 6-11-2	
6	0-40	TOPHARD 16 R Lee 8-11-2 E	Tierray (5
7	02-Ų	VICTORY WIND 15 T Morton 7-11-2 A R	analpan (7
. 8	120-	SOVERBISH SOURD 190 (6) A Turnell 5-11-0	. I Henri
. 8	-000	SOVERBEN SOURD 190 (6) A Turnel 5-11-0	
10	640-	MORASTIA 302 R Diction 7-10-17 W	Humphrey
2-1 Dyffin, 7-2 Historic, 5-1 Carbonate, 7-1 Victory Wind, 8-1 Sovereign Severeign Sev			
4.15 GRASSHOPPER HANDICAP HURDLE (E1.772: 3m 2h (11)			
	12:3	KI ZD (11)	••

		GRASSHOPPER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,7	72: 3	3m 2f) (f1)
1	05F-	MARRADONG BROOK 220 (F.6) T Forsier 7-11-10 C Lieuwillyr
3	24P-	CUNAVARRA MEL 185 (S) M Saunders 6-11-3 H Mass HUGLI 9 (B.C.F) S Sherwood 5-10-9
4	3500	PHARACH BLUE B (B,C,F) M Pipe B-10-9 D Richmond (7)
6		STAUNCH RIVAL 22 (G) 6 Thomer 5-10-6 J Rastion CHAMPAGNE RUN 8 (F.6) W Turner 7-10-3 P Corey (7)
7	BF-U	PERRY VIELL 13 (6) K Balley 8-10-1 NON-RUNNER
9	-226 693-	LASTING MEMORY 22 (F) R Fresi 6-10-0 B Powel SOLERT LAD 163 (F,G,S) B Sustans 9-10-0 M Statemens (7)
	P-25	SARA LANE 17 N Aylife 8-10-0
11		MIGRAPY'S SONG 256 (C.F.) J Harrisman 7-10-0
/-4 30 Messor	9, 14-1	hal. 4-1 Pagrach Blue, 9-2 Marradong Brook, 6-1 Hugli, 8-1 Lasting others.
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•	4.45 OWL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
	(£1,302: 2m 1f) (12)
•	1 2P-U SAFE ARRIVAL 27 T Keridy 4-11-10
	3 40F- DERUSTONE 184 M Davies 7-11-7
	4 3-00 TOBY HENRY 16 N Gasaler 4-11-6
1	W Hampley
2	6 2R11 HANDY DOVE 15 (F.G) R Price 5-11-) D Te 7 654- LARK RISE 203F C Weedon 4-10-12 Peter Hot
3	8 4P1P SYDNEY BARRY 20 (CD.5) R Buckles 7-10-8. No C: Bourner
1	9 555- SMART REBAL 158 J Alerbury 4-10-6 L. Ham 10 SP/ TIME SLOT 532 J McConnockie 5-10-3 J Palin
	13 006- JOKESTER 254 C Hesh 5-10-0 Mr J Llewellyn 12 0/0 900044'S TOKEN 15 R Brown 7-10-0 Mr J Llewellyn
1	6-4 Handy Dave, 4-1 Sedany Barry, 5-1 Castierichardking, 6-1 Lari, Rise, 17
Ī	Today Heavy, Sale Arched, 16-1 others.
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5.15 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT

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1	1	KOSINEKTA KINIS 7 (F) J O'Neill 4-11-9 A Dobbio
2		CARLSAN Mis A Price 6-11-3 Mr C Carapbell
3	0-	FIRST DRIVE 202 J Schards 5-11-3 R Davis
4	Č-	HAL'S PRINCE 220 J Needham 5-11-3 A Florentian
5		PROJECT'S MATE R Grown 5-11-3 Mr. J L Lightenn
ē	ø	RELUGAS 22 Mrs A Price 5-11-3 Mr M Jackson
7	. 5-	FICHU 202 6 Transer 4-11-2 D Geoglegue
8	_	HEREIN T Forsier 4-11-2 R Ferrant
5		MARBIERS COVE R Brazington 4-11-2 D Maradith
1Õ	30-	ST JOHN'S HILL 190 W Yurser 4-11-2 P Carry
11	0-3	THUMDER 13 J Bradley 4-11-2 D Leastly
12	0-	CLOUD HOPPER 198 J Pictering 5-10-12 & Cross
13	ď	LITTLE CLARE 562 F Jordan 5-10-12 T Protherne
14	7	RUST MOOR R Price 5-10-12 L Soute

1	1	KOHNEKTA KIHIS 7 (F) J OTHAIR 4-11-4 A Dobbin (5
2		CARLSAN Mrs A Price 6-11-3 Mr C Caraptell (7
3	Q-	FIRST DREVE 202 J Edwards 5-11-3
1	0-	HALS PRINCE 220 J Needhari 5-11-3 A Planeton (7
5		PROJECT'S MATE A Brown 5-11-3 Mr. J. L. Userchyn (7
8	0	RELUGAS 22 Mrs A Price 5-11-3 Mr M Jackson (7
7	- 5-	FICHU 202 6 Thorses 4-11-2
В		HEREIN T Forsier 4-11-2
9		MARRIERS CONE R Brazinatos 4-11-2 D Marriello 65
Ò	30-	ST JOHN'S HILL 180 W Turner 4-11-2
1	0-3	THUMDER 13 J Bradley 4-11-2
2	G-	CLOUD HOPPER 198 J Pictering 5-10-12 & Crope 7
3	Q	LITTLE CLARE \$62 F Jordan 5-10-12 T Preliame (7
•		RUST MOOR R Pritze 5-10-12 L Sendre (7
5	g.	PEDE GALE 167 J McConnectés 4-10-11 J Palling?
5	· D-	ROYAL SWINGER 282 Dr P Priletent 4-10-11 Dr P Prileten
7	53-	TEA-LADY 232 May A King 4-10-11

5-4 Komelice King, 5-1 Thunder, 6-1 Herlin, 7-1 Tea Lady, 10-1 Fichal, Pirst Drive 14-1 Little Clana, Mariners Cove, 16-1 Pade Galle, Project's Mate, 20-1 Rual Major St. John's Hill, 25-1 others.

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R Dunwoody
R Greece
J Osborne
M Perrett
P Holley 26.4 21.7 21.4 21.2 21.2 19.1

ESPY 134 2ml of 4 to Toby Tobles in Window (3m., pood) class. THATMAND had Feather Your Nest 11 in 8-manuer Hearbord (2m., good) novice class. FARTHELL STAR beat Taby Jones 25% in 3-maner Laster (2m.) 11 100d, good to limit) hearbord class. SPACE FART 1556 4th of 11 to Cyphasin in guade had novice class at Ainteen (2m. good to soft). September (2m. good) hearbord (2m. 50 to Stephen (2m. 50 TRAINERS

1.55 Faux Pavilion. 2.25 Copy Lane. 2.55 Cettic Prince. 3.25 Petmer. 3.55 Springholm. 4.25 Flying

1.55 Faux Pavillon, 2.25 Eld. 2.55 Channels Gate. 3.25 Little Big. 3.55 Springholm, 4.25 Flying Speed.

1.55 BOOKER STEED CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

DAY LOWE ON THE ROCKS 559 R Price 7-40-8 PO-5 CORR RUM 15 R Alone 6-10-0 5312 JUST CENCERE 15 (0.5) P Lench 7-10-0 334 SALARTS SPRET 8 W Tenner 6-18-0

9-4 Faux Pardion, 7-2 West Mandaton, 5-1 Salar's Spirit, 8-1 others.

2514 COPY LINE 15 (D.S) M Channon 11-5.

1 2514 COPY LINE 15 (JLS) M CONTROL 17-2 2 20 6 M Anne Market 10-10 3 COOCHE 17F 9 Balor Th-5 FROM AS PROPERIES 22F H May A FRAIGHT M 5 PROSE OF THE PROPERIES 25F H MARKET 10-5 6 CS 28F CALAMIES 15 H MARKET 10-5 CS 28F CALAMIES 10-5 CS 28F CALAMIES

2.25 BOOKER STEED QUICK & EASY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,418: 2m 11 110yd) (10)

2-1 Wester Lightstog, 11-4 Etd, 9-2 Copy Lane, 6-1 Flich Pickings, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

WASSERS: 1 Bailing: 3 resours from 4 mones; 75.0%; M Figs. 87 form 257, 40.5%; S Catalain, 4 from 16, 25.0%; T Fensier, 7 form 35, 15.9%; Ms. 7 fensier, 7 form 35, 15.9%; Ms. 7 fensier, 9 mones from 25 fides, 31.0%; W McFarland, 11 from 54, 20.4%; & Lower, 7 form 55, 20.6%; B Cataland, 5 form 25, 20.6%; J Frest, 27 form 127, 16.5%; M A Flageraid; 6 from 45, 13.5%.

MOVICES HANDICAP HUNDLE (£1,425: 2m tf 110yd) (7 runners)

Blinkered first time DONCASTER: 1.30 Pariell Amour. 2.30 Girl Next Door. 4.30 Kelko, Wild Prospect

2.55 BOOKER STEED CUSTOMER CARE DUCHY OF CORNWALL CAP NOVICES CHASE (£3,512: 3m 17) (9) 17: C31: 17 (3)

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17: C31: C4800ELS C4 9-4 Region Road, 5-2 Cettle Prince, 5-1 Channels Gale, 11-2 Passoc Ryso, 8-1 Raziscis, Darring Valley, 12-1 offers.

3.25 KITSONS NOVICES SELLING HURDLE

1 -821 PETMER 17 (5) R Cutile 5-11-5.
2 S106 CLASSICS PEARL 20 (5) M Twiston-Davies 4-10-13 3 340- Buispall Moon 182 W & Torser 5-10-12 D Bridgestier
4 -224 LITTLE 816 7 C Bread 5-10-12 A Carroll
5 005 FORRES 57 K Camington-Brown 4-10-11 Ges Armylaga.
6-4 Petroer, 5-2 Classics Pourt, 4-1 Little 81g, 7-1 Forge, 8-1 Evanald Moon.

3.55 IF YOU KEED IT BOOKER STEED IT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,415: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

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4.25 KITSONS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,745; 2m 3f) (7)

New stand a creditto Newbury

NEWBURY racegoers yesterday had their first taste of the racecourse's new £10 million Berkshire Stand - arguably the best in Britain (Richard Evans writes).

Although the new stand will not be officially opened until next month's Hennessy meeting, the racecourse executive wisely decided to open it to the public following its completion earlier this week in order to discover any teething problems.

following the demolition of the old Edwardian grandstands, the improved facilities are a real eye-opener. In contrast to Epsom's new edi-fice, the Berkshire Stand is "racegoer friendly." Annual club membership charges are being increased to E145 from January 1 — equiv-

alent to £5.37 for each of the 27 racing days or just £3.29 when reciprocal deals with

TRANSERS: M Proc. 36 waters from 114 numbers, 33.9%; D Boschell, 12 from 40, 30.0%, R Brown, 3 from 10, 30.0%; K Saselee, 5 from 19, 36.3%; K Saselee, 12 from 48, 24.5%; J Exhandb, 12 from 67, 17.9%. JOCKEYS: D J Beschell, 14 witness from 42 rides, 33.3%; Mr A Forant, 4 from 15, 26.7%; D Lashy, 3 from 13, 25.1%; N Mann, 9 from 41, 22.0%; N Danses, 8 from 40, 20.0%; L Harviy, 6 from 34, 17.9%.

other courses are included. Newbury is also starting a season ticket scheme for Tattersalls, costing £80.

Lukic blames bright lights for his Ibrox gloom



favouring Rangers on Wedsidered was the row of dazzline floodlights attached to the roof of Ibraz. Yet the bulbs were to be the most ignificant. In one blinding flash, they altered the course of the European Cup tie gainst Leeds United

John Lukic, the Leeds goal-keeper, claimed that, as he repared to punch away the first corner to be taken by the Scottish champions in the tarily lost the ball in the ights. That was why, he explained, it spun off his fists and into his own net. The glaring error, comm

ted by a player who, ironical-

ly, carries the soubriquet of "lucky", was to be decisive.

Rangers, lifted by the gencrous donation of an equaliser, maintained their impetus for another 20 minutes, long enough to claim the first leg. "We handed them the ini-

tiative," Howard Wilkinson, unwittingly using a verb that Lukic will find particularly We were good for the first 20 minutes and the last 45.

In between, we were not so

good. Rangers' attacking force came as a result of those two goals." Scotland's honour was preserved by McCoist and he recognised that the margin of the victory he established towards the end of the first half may not be sufficiently wide. "We saw what they did at home to Stuttgart and it



STUART JONES.

Football Correspondent

will be very hard for us in a fortnight," he said. If Leeds' dismantling of the German champions was one of the most thrilling attack-

mestic team in the European Cup, then their display at Throx deserves to be regarded as one of the most assured. They, not Rangers, were in control of the heat generated

the eye of the storm.

justifiably, said.

er felt that Strachan's contribution was worthy of a video demonstrating the perfect approach amid such fiery on the central figure was Batty. He represented Strachan calmly ignored

way you should in a game of that importance," Wilkinson,

Although the Leeds manag

ably buded at him by his

and, during breaks in play, he magnanimously consoled opponents whenever luck ran against them. Compared to Batty, though, he was runting around the periphery of "the lion's den", as Wilkin-

In giving Leeds the lead after barely a minute, McAllister instantly silenced the roar. Thereafter, Batty assumed the role of Androcies.

He is renowned for his ss, a reputation enhanced by his new appearance. His hair has been so closely shaved that Graham Taylor, the England manag-er, refers to him as "The Convict".

Yet Batty restrained both himself and Rangers in a

could gain many more international caps as well as accolades. His finger was never far away from the pulse of a tie that slowed down from the breathraking ultimately to the relatively

Nevertheless, McCoist could not recall when he had been involved in a game played at such a pace. He should try competing in En-gland's Premier League for a week or two. If he believes that Leeds were working at full speed, the second leg promises to be a startling

McAllister, the Leeds cap-tain, confirmed that the pace of the English game is quick-er and VIB Stuttgart, heaten 4-1 at Elland Road, could not

likely to be sufficiently equipped to protect themselves when not a single voice will be raised in their

SUDDOTL Walter Smith, their manager, foresees the second leg following the same attacking lines as the first. "It would be folly to go there and defend." he said. However, they may have, for the most part, little choice when they

It will be a lonely and unusual evening for the dom-inant force in Scotland, who are accustomed to the comfort of their vociferous follow ers. "It is difficult to get results in the hon's den," Wilkinson warned. "Rangers might find that at Elland

Maleeva sisters show Britain route to success

By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent

IT MUST be embarrassing for Britain's tennis authorities to view the women's rankings these days. Where one family, brought up in a discredited and poverty-stricken system, can produce three players in the top 25, a whole nation and, in tennis terms, a wealthy one -- can manage just one in the too 100.

Britain, of course, is not alone in being unable to match either the productivity or the quality of the remarkable Maleeva sisters, who are, coincidentally, ranked in order of seniority -- Manuela (No. 9), Katerina (12) and Magdalena (21). But the playing poverty of the British game is as incomprehensible to their mother as it is to many

within the system. "How is it possible with so much money not to organise the proper way to produce a few better players?" Mrs Maleeva asked. "I don't understand. We did it the Bulgarian way with no money and so much red tape and blackmail." Nor could the champion disguise her incredulity at the suggestion that a surfeit of money was at the "How could the money be too much?" she said. If anyone is entitled to pop

that question, it is Mrs Maleeva, or Julia Berberian as she was known during her playing days. Under communism, her three daughters were able to take advantage of free facilities at the multi-sport CSKA club in Sofia and of their mother's coaching

But they had to rely on rackets and balls supplied by an uncle in the United States and on the erratic goodwill of the communist big shots. Of-ten, they did not know until two hours before departure if they would be allowed out of the country to compete. Fortunately, Manuela

earned enough money early in her career to finance Katerina who, in turn, belped to fund her younger sister. Together, the three have now won a total of nearly \$4.5 million (about £2.8 million), more than adequate reward for their mother's faith and spirit.

The family silver has not nown much this week at the Midland Bank championship in Brighton. After Katerina's in Brighton. After Katerina's first-round defeat, Magdalena was beaten 6-1, 6-4 yesterday

RESULTS: Second round: P Paradis-Margon (F) bt C Dahlman (Swe), 6-4, 6-2.

C Mantinez (Sp) to K Adams (US), 6-1, 6-4.

N Tazziai (F-) bt M Malessa (Bul), 6-1, 6-4.

by Nathalie Tauziar, the No.7 seed, who joined Conchita Martinez, Pascale Paradis-Mangon, Jana Novotna and Steffi Graf in the quarter-finals. Graf spent her day off shopping in London, despite the loss of her purse the previous day.

Like her sisters, Magdalena, 17, can look a limited performer at times and it will be the job of her new coach. Pavel Slozil, to add a touch of aggression to the consistency. Wisely, Mrs Maleeva has recognised her limitations. "l have taught my girls all I know," she said.

Whether, with its newfound freedom, Bulgaria will be able to build on the success of the Maleevas is open to doubt. The state-backed clubs are collapsing and money is scarce, though rackets are available -- at a price -- and television is now allowed to broadcast the exploits of the nation's most famous sporting dynasty. "There is great interest in tennis but it will take time to develop," Mrs familiar refrain.



Fighting fit: Lennox Lewis training yesterday at the Henry Cooper Gym in London in preparation for his WBC heavyweight boxing championship eliminator against Donovan "Razor" Ruddock at Earls Court on October 31

ATHLETICS

Nebiolo snubs athletes' agents

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN PRAGUE

PRIMO Nebiolo, the president of the International Ama-Athletic Federation (IAAF), leaves here today without having officially met the leading athletes agents who are lobbying for £6.5 million in prize-money at the world championships next year.

In Prague for the annual European fixtures congress to determine the track programme for next summer. Nebiolo, when asked whether the IAAF would consider payments in Stuttgart next year, said: "I believe we must speak about things that are realistic." He said that, if necessary, the IAAF Council meeting in Jakarta in January would discuss the agents' demands.

Tom Jennings, re-elected as denied that his association is planning an athletes' boycott of the world championships, something which appeared possible when the IAAR wrote to Nebiolo last month stating that a denial of its proposals on payments "could lead to

the formation of a new organ-isation which will adopt these

proposals". Despite his lack of a meeting with the IAAR here this week, Nebiolo said: "Everyone who has an interest in athletics is welcome to talk to us. We have never refused to meet

1993 FDCTURES: IAAF grand pric. May 16: Sao Paulo; May 22: New York; May 25: Sen Jose; June 5: Saville; June 9: Forne; July 2: Lille; July 10: Osio; July 21: Nee; July 23: London; August 1: Cologne; August 4: Zurich; August 7: Monte Cado; August 27: Bedin; Saplamber 3: Bussele; September 10: Grand Prix final, London.

Bond goes through

Nigel Bond, the world No. 9, beat John Higgins 5-2 to reach the quarter-finals of the Rothmans snooker grand prix

at Reading yesterday. Ken Doherty, from Dublin, was a comfortable 5-1 winner over the Scot, Billy Snaddon, who had accounted for James Wattana in the previous

Golf: Dale Reid, the Scottish professional, a member of Europe's winning Solheim Cup team, produced a closing round of 68, a course record. to win the Mobil Challenge over the Emirates course in

Dubai yesterday. Rughy union: Dean Richards, the Leicester and England No. 8, will captain the Midlands division against the South Africans in Leicester on November 4.

CRICKET

Zimbabwe set high standard

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN HARARE

ZIMBABWE'S inaugural Test match against India drifted to its inevitable draw here yesterday after the hosts had gained the satisfaction of a first-innings lead of 149 runs. Going in again, the

Zimbabweans stayed faithful to their ambition to occupy the crease and were 146 for four from 66 overs at the close. Zimbabwe thus became the

first country in its initial Test to avoid defeat since Australia won against England in the first ever Test played in 1877. David Houghton, the Zimbabwe captain, said: "The players have set themselves a fantastic standard for the immediate future."

Kapil Dev brought a brief flicker of excitement early in the Zimbabwe second innings

when in his sixth over he dismissed Grant Flower and Campbell with successive balls. Flower was the 800th first-class wicket of Kapil's career: 404 of these are Test wickets, 27 short of Sir Richard Hadlee's world record.

It took Zimbabwe 45 minutes to capture the last three Indian first innings wickets. Manjrekar added four runs to his overnight century, before he square-cut a catch against Jarvis to deep backward point. he batted eight hours 49 minutes, hit seven fours and faced 422 balls.

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2.9-1; C Owens (Aus) bit 3 Baum (Gar), 9-3, 6-8, 9-7, 9-2; S Schone (Gar) bit R Prefitios (Car), 9-2, 9-5, 9-0; R Lambourne (Aus) bit D Grzenia (Gar), 9-2, 1-9, 2-9, 9-2, 9-2; H Wallace (Car) bit E Seeby (See), 9-5, 9-1, 9-4; M Mastin (Aim) bit P Beerins (NZ), 9-2, 9-0, 9-7.

READENS: Rothmans: grand pric: Fifth round: N-Bond (Eng) bt J-Higgins (Scot), 5-2 (Frame scores, Bond Bar), 60-47, 87-14, 73-10, 69-1, 70-73, 69-0); K-Onlerly (se) bt 8 Sandson (Scot), 5-4 (Frame scores, Dolsey Brail: 73-45, 29-96, 50-49, 104-30, 79-0, 87-1.

Umplese: H. D. Bird (England) and I. D. Robinson (Zimbabwa).

GOLF

Scot edges nearer goal with fine 66

COLIN Montgomerie, run-ning out of time to achieve a target he set himself in January, shared the first-round lead with Mark-McNuky, of Zimbabwe, after the first round of the Madrid Open yesterday. Both fired six-under-par 66s, Montgomerie on a bitterly cold morning, while McNulty grabbed two closing birdies as darkness fell. Montgómerie has improved his placing in the Volvo Order of Merit in each of his five asons on the European Tour and, after finishing fourth last year, made a top-three spot

one of his goals. "I'm south at the moment and I've only got two weeks left." he said. "Nobody can overtake Nick Faldo, but a good finish here and I'll be within catching distance of the

others." Despite earnings of nearly £350,000 in Europe this season. Montgomerie has not won for more than 14 months."I'm trying to relax and enjoy golf more now," he said. "Let's face it, if you don't enjoy scoring 66 you have a

After a delay for earlykicked off with a 12-foot birdie putt and did not drop a single stroke. The highlight was a seven-iron tee shot at the 163yard 6th, his fifteenth hole. It stopped a foot from the flag and, two holes later, he converted a 15-foot chance for his

sixth birdie. McNulty has played only 10 tournaments in Europe this year because of injury. "I've had to remind myself what golf is like and, in the last few weeks it has been difficult to visualise a score under 70," he said. Joint third are two more Scots, Sam Torrance and Ross

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GE and le unless sated; 88: C Montgomeria, M. Michally (27a), 67: R Drummond, 5 Tonanca, 88: S Lune (50), D Smylh, A Montgo, E Datty, 68: M Sunesson (Swe), F Lonard (July, S Bennett, M Heiberg (Swe), M Ros, S Richardson, I Genes (Sp).

70: J Heggerty, 7 Levier (F), J Heaggman, Swej, P Way, J Dely (US), D Silve (For), M Devis, M Jennes, D Clarke, A Johnstone (2m), 7: C Rocca, (N), P Lawrie, J Ven de Velde (F), H Clark, D Mijozic (Carr), V Singh (Fil), M-A Jimenez, Sp.), B Lane, J Payrie, C Moody, P Hall, J McHenry, D Fehrerly, M Mcutand, M Poucoi, A Hunter, J-M Carlizares (Sp.), C Meson, R Referry, M A Mestin (Sp.), S Tinning (Den).

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YACHTING

Chasing crews close on British Steel

THE leading group competing in the British Steel Challenge round-the-world race were closing on each other last night as they began to experi-ence lighter winds off the call in this 28,000-mile race South American coast (Barry Pickthall writes).

Paul Jeffes and his crew aboard Interspray, which has been racing in second place for the past week, had closed to within 31 miles of their leading rivals, British Steel II, after sailing almost a knot faster during the day.

Heath Insured, skippered by Adrian Donovan, continues to trail in third place, 73 miles astern of Richard Tu-

dor's leading crew. But she is further west and could benefit as the winds begin to free during the final 600 miles to Rio de Janeiro, the first port of against the prevailing winds. Group 4 Securitas leads the

second group of four yachts chasing the leading trio, 500 miles astern. miles astern.

LEADING POSTTIONS (at 14.00 hours GMT yesterday, with miles to Rio de Janetro): 1, British Steel II (R Turbo), 592, 2, Intemprey (P Jeffrey), 622, 3, Headin Insured (A Donovart), 685; 4, Group 4 Securities (M Golding), 1,137; 5, Hobbast Leper (P Goes), 1,182, 6, Pinde of Teasaids (I MacGillivray), 1,183; 7, Nuclear Becart: (J Chitaroles), 1,206; 8, Rhone-Pulson (J O'Orlecot), 1,240; 9, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 1,257; 10, Commercial Union (W Sutherland), 1,904.

[] Results compiled by 6T

AUTOSPORT JAPANESE Full details and qualifying times on Friday and Saturday, with warm-up and post race reports from Sunday's race at SUZUKA

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Rovers 1; Yeovil 4, Chellenhern 1; Birmsrighern 2. Phymouth 2; Cardill 3, Torquery 0; Hull City 1, Mensfeld 4; York City 1, Huddensfeld Town 0. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First christon: Newcaste 1, Sube 0; Lecester 0; Sundedend 0; Wolverhempton 2, Sheffield United 0, Second division: President 2, West Bromwich 3; Wilgen 0, Sourshorpe 1; Burnley 0, Blackgood 1. NOMICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminery round: Lendon Fenny 1; Abergeboyth 2, Alan Lido 2; Newtown 2, First 2; Inter Cardill 1, Abergeventy 0. Postponed: Holywell 1, Model 1, Cardill 1, C

Lido 2, Newtown 2, Fint 2, Inter Caron 1, Abergavenry 0. Postponed: Holywel v Modd.
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Schools' Cur. Second round: Archight 1, Stade's 2. Other mastches: Chipmel 1, Blazbeth College, Guerneyy 6; Malvern 7, Wolverhampton GS 1.

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DUBAL Mobil Challenge: First scores (GS and Its unless stated): 142: D Reid, 74, 68. 143: C Panton-Lewis, 72, 71: 144: J Amoid (NZ), 71, 73, 145: F Dessu (6, 70, 7s, 147: C Disneh (Aus), 73, 74; G Sheeler 73, 74; L Feisclough 72, 75: 149: H Wadsworth, 75, 74; C Hjeinnersson (Swe), 70, 79, 150: J Hal (2m), 78, 74, 151: L Mente; SA, 74, 77, 154: V Michaud (Fr), 77, 77; K Dougles, 76, 78, 157: D Bernard, 78, 79.

7.30 unless stated Barclays League Third division Doncaster v Hereford... HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Entey v Lask (8.0). NEVELE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Novelct v Bristol City (7.0).

OTHER SPORT MOTOR RALLYING: Michards Rally (Tellord).

CRICKET ----BRISBANE: Sheffield Shield: Second day: Wastern Australia: 370 (G. Marsh 121, D Martyn 133 not out, Queenslaad 221, ICE SKATING

ATLANTA: Sinte America intertrational competition: Pairs (after technical programme): In Ricovatione and Ricovation (Cat., Spits; 2, M Ensore and A Bushkov (Rus.), 1.2, 3, E Shietiyove and V Naumov (Rus.), 1.5. ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 2, Westington Capitals 1; Buffalo Sabres 4, Chicago Blackhawis 1; Montreal Canadiens 8, San Jose Sharks 4, St. Louis Bluss 5, Quebec Nordiques 5. POWERSOAT RACING

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STONES - BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Waterlight Trinky 17, Leeds 18. RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Blasmawarr 5, Perby-pool 21; RNAS Culchose 7, Davon and Comwall Police (A Division) 37. SQUASH CALGARY: Canadian woman's Opera. Selected first round results: M Le Moignen (Fing) bt N Taimaho (Fin), 9-6, 9-2, 9-2; 5- Wright (Fing) bt Thereis; (Aux), 9-4, 9-4, 9-5; F Gamers (Eng) bt M Ball (Aux), 9-3, 10-8, 9-6; S Bandey (Aux) bt I. Chamman (Eng), 10-9, 9-6, 9-3; F O'Calesphan (Fin) to \$ Moignen (Can), 9-2, 9-0, 9-3; L. Ining (Aux) bt F Macme (Eng), 9-8, 9-2, 9-5; T Mylyriant (Fin) bt E Dennicleon (Scot), 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; C. Lonie (Eng), 9-8, 9-1, 9-1, 9-3; 9-1, 9-0; C. Lonie (Eng), 9-8; Minstin (Eng), 9-3, 9-9-5; D Drady (Aux) bt J Mastin (Eng), 9-1, 9-9-5; D Drady (Aux) bt J Mastin (Eng), 9-1, 9-9-5; D Drady (Aux) bt J Mastin (Eng), 9-1, 9-9-5; D Drady (Aux) bt J Mastin (Eng), 9-1, 9-9-5; D Drady (Aux) bt J Mastin (Eng), 9-1, 9-9-5; D Drady (Aux) bt J Mastin (Eng), 9-1, 9-9-5; D Drady (Aux) bt J Mastin (Eng), 9-1, 9-9-5; D Drady (Aux) bt J Mastin (Eng), 9-1, 9-9-5; D Drady (Aux) bt J Mastin (Eng), 9-1, 9-9-5; D Drady (Aux) bt J Mastin (Eng), 9-1, 9-9-5; D Drady (Aux) bt J Mastin (Eng), 9-1,

Auster (Austrie), 7-6, 6-4; R Rencheng (US) or T-Muster (Austrie), 7-6, 6-4; R Rencheng (US) or C-U Stago (Gen.), 7-8, 6-5; Boetsch bt C-Camporese (D. 6-4, 6-1).

VERNIVA: Meen's Dummenteric First rounce: Struguese (Spi bt G Redux (Fr), 6-3, 8-4; 6-3, 8-4; 6-3, 8-4; 6-4, 8-7, 6-8; D-Princel (Ca) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-7, 8-1, 6-4; B Gilloert (US) bt T Enquise (Swe), 7-8, 7-6. 7-6.
HONG KIGNG: Men's tournament: Roundrobin: M Cheng (US) bt. lisping Xia (China),
6-0, 6-2: W Ferreira (SA) bt. M Woodlorde
(Aus), 3-6; 6-1, 6-4; R Kraijnek (Hot) bt. J.
Battes (193), 6-1, 6-2; G Pipic (Co) bt. L. Pase
(India), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; A Volkov (Rus) bt. J.
Sánchaz (Sp), 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

YACHTING

RUGBY UNION

Lafond is recalled by France

FROM CHRIS THAU IN PARIS

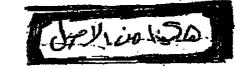
THE France selectors yesterday announced a team showing four changes from the side beaten 20-15 in Lyons last week for the second interna-tional against South Africa, in Paris tomorrow.

Sebastian Viars, who missed five kicks at goal, is replaced by Jean-Baptiste Lafond, with Philippe Saint-Andre switching to the left wing to allow Lafond to play on the right. The kicking duties pass to Thierry Lacroix. who replaces Christophe Devlaud in the centre.

In the pack, Abdelatif Benazzi, the lock forward, and Philippe Benetton, the flanker, who came on as replacements in Lyons, keep their places at the expense of Jean-Marie Cadicu and Jean-Fran-

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6.06 Ceetax (26304) 6.30 Breakfast News begins with Business Breakfast until 6.55 when Laurie Mayer and Gwyn Jones present news and topical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and travel reports (27754507)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (6854236) 9.45 The Ross King Show. Game show. The guest is Eddie Kidd (6957472)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (5046615) 10.05 Playdays. For

the very young (s) (7219675)

10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick Magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s). With News (Cesiax) and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (77652236). Wales 11.05

Plaid Cymru Conference

12.15 Pabble Mill. Johning Judi Spiers today is veteran entertainer Max Bygraves (s) (7604584) 12.55 Regional News and weather (53433236)

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (67120) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80633323) 1.50 Eldorado (r). (Ceefax)

(a) (93161675)
2.20 Going for Gold. A semi-final of the general knowledge cuiz with European contestants. The question-master is Henry Ketly (s) (54021633) 2.45 The Flying Doctors. Drama series set in the Australian outback (9365365). Wakes: Plaid Cymru Conference
3.30 Barney Bear Double Bill (6436507) 3.45 Bump, Animation (f) (2484472) 3.50 Christopher Crocodile. Animated adventures, with the voice of Derek Griffiths (2405965) 4.00 The Little Green Planet Show. Last in the fun and facts series (s) (7345120) 4.10 Chipmants Go to the Movies. Certon (s) (1881236) 4.35 Take Two. The first of a new monthly media magazine presented by

Two. The first of a new monthly media magazine presented by Sarah Greene. (Ceefax) (s) (7166149)

5.00 Newsround (8184101) 5.05 Byker Grove. Children's drama series set in a Geordie youth centre. (Ceefax) (4217217)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (524743). Northern Ireland:

Scot edg 6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Cepfax) Weather (588)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (168). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (3781) 7.30 Don't Wait Up. George Layton's amiable cornecy starring Nigel Havers and Tony Britton as father and son medical men practising at opposite ends of the profession (r). (Ceefax) (192). Northern Ireland: Sportscene



Preparing to dive in the Red Sea: Anneka Rice (8.00pm)

8.00 Challenge Anneka. The hyperactive Anneka Rice is given fourand-a-half days to teach a tetrapalegic and a group of his similarly handicapped friends to scubadive in the Red Sea. (Geefax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Cesfax) Regional news and weather (5255)

9.30 Between the Lines. Tough drama series dealing with internal investigations within the police force. This week Tony Clark (Neil Pearson) looks into the case of a policeman killed on duty who had

pearson) looks into the case of a policeman killed on duly who had outstanding complaints against him. Was there more to his death than originally thought? (Ceefex) (s) (867120)

10.20 Terry Wogan's Friday Niight. With Eddle Murphy, David Suilivan and Jo Brand (s) (907472). Northem Ireland: Anderson on the Box 11.00 Monty — In Love and War. On the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of El Alarnein a repeated profile of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, presented by Nigel Hamilton. (Ceefax) (908526). Northem Ireland: 11.10 Terry Wogan's Friday Night 11.50-1.56 Film: The Man Who Would Be King: Wales: I ke st Bracon 11.40 Monty — The Man Who Would Be King; Wales: Live at Brecon 11.40 Monty-

in Love and War 12.15am Film: Crime of Innocence (1985) staming Diane Ladd and Andy Griffith. Unedifying fact-based drama about a hard-line judge who decides to teach a young joyridar a lesson by sending her to prison where she is raped. Directed by Michael Miller. (Ceefax) (917892). Wales: 12.55 Film: Crime of Innocence 1.50 Weather (3129144). Wales 2.30 News and weather

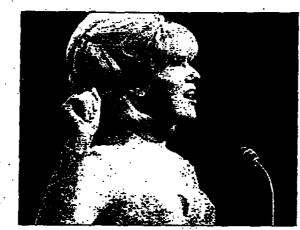
8.00 Breakfast News (4993965) 8.15 Westminster. A round up of business from both Houses (4287694) 9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational Programmes

ws and weather (51667304) followed by Words and Pictures. 2.00 No Helen Sharman, the first Briton in space, talks about her mission and shows a film of her life aboard the Mir space station (s)

2.15 Sport On Friday introduced by Helen Rollason. Snooker: the first two quarter-finals of the Rothmans grand prix from the Hexagon. Reading (s); Tennis: the Midland Bank women's tournament from Brighton; Racing from Newbury; live coverage of the 2.40, 3.00 and 3.40 races; Rugby League: a preview of tornomow's world cup final at Wembley between Great Britain and the holders, Australia; Football: a review of the week's action. Includes News (Cestax) and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (84558781)

5.30 Top Gear. Includes a look at the important new models on show at the Motor Show in Birmingham (r) (s) (217) Stingray. Classic science fiction pupper senes from the 1960s (r). 6.00 Stingray. Class

(Ceefax) (391878) 6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Spoof secret agent adventures starring Devid McCallum and Robert Vaughn. This episode, The Deadly Toys Affair, feetures a guest appearance by Angela Lansbury (r).



She only wants to be with your Dusty Springfield (7.15pm)

7.15 Sounds of the Stidles (b/w). Vintage pop. Among those appearing tonight are Dusty Springfield, Sandie Shaw, Cliff Richard and Peter Serstedt (r) (s) (635472)
7.45 What the Papers Say presented by Alan Rusbridger (965863)

8.00 Public Eye: The Depth of Depression. In once-prosperous Crawley, Sarah Barclay investigates the physical and psychological

effects of losing your job (7743)

8.30 Royal Gardens. Sir Roy Strong examines the architectural and horticultural legacy of King George IV. (Ceefax) (6878)

9.00 Bisckadder Goes Forth. Captain Blackadder curses the October Revolution in Moscow which has led to a cease-fire on the northern

front, an offensive by the Germans on the western front and an impersonation of Charlie Chaplin by private Baldrick. Starring Rowan Atkinson and Tony Robinson (r). (Ceefax) (3897) 9.30 Splendid Hearts: Runnymede.

© CHOICE: One of the best ideas from the War and Peace season has been to visit war memorials and prise out the human stories

behind the names. The peg tonight is the memorial at Runnymede to 20,000 air force casualties with no known grave. This sympathetic and poignant film features three of them and explores the feelings of relatives as they by to trace the remains. Bill Wilson was shot down over what became East Germany and only with reunification could an attempt be made to find him. Bertle Berber's Spittire crash-dived near the Sussex coast. For more than 40 years his brother lought a battle with the Ministry of Defence to exhume the body. Noor inayar-Khan, a resistance heroine, died in Dachau. Her brother, who lives in Holland, only discovered this year that her name was on the

in Holland, only discovered this year that her name was on the flurnymede memorial. (Ceefax) (18781)

10.00 Have I Got News For You. Irreverent topical quiz show hosted by Angus Deayton. This week Ian Histop and Paul Merton are joined by Charles Kennady and David Baddiel (s) (87323)

10.30 Newenight with Sue Cameron (723994)

11.15 Campaign! An alternative guide to the United States presidential election (933526)

11.45 Weather (838033)

11.50 Snooker Grand Prbs. Highlights from the evening session of the Rothmans grand prix, introduced by David Vine (s) (870410). Ends

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SKY SPORTS

2.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons (Fill only)

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FIA Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 9.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Chris Shuart 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30

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WORLD SERVICE

Travel and Weather 5.45 Programmes in French 8.00 News 8.05 Tutenishamen's Legacy 8.00 News 9.05 Words of Faith 8.15 Music Review 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 5.40 Travel and Weather 5.45 Programmes in German 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 1.05 Sound Mildday Newsdesk 12.30pm BBC English 12.45 Missingerreparan 1.00 News 4.05 Music Review 5.00 News 5.05 News 8.05 The World Today 7.30 Programmes in French 8.00 Newsdesk 3.00 News 4.05 Music Review 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Programmes in French 7.00 News 1.00 News 4.05 Music Review 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Programmes in French 7.00 News 5.00 News 4.15 Music Review 5.00 News 9.05 The World Today 9.25 Worlds of Faith 9.10 From The Weeklees 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Short Story; Leugh for Me 2.45 Jazz Now and Then 3.00 News 5.15 A Month in the Country

CLASSIC EM

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8.00am Nick Bailey 8.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm
Celebrity Choice: Lord Archer (r) 2.00pm
Lunchtime Concerto. J.S. Bach (Plano Concerto No.1); Dudiak (Serenade in D); Bach (Dudto in F) 3.00 Petroc Trailawry 6.00 Classic Reports. Margaret Howerd with news, music and arts 7.00 Classic Verdict new CD releases 8.00 Classic FM Concert: Including Totalkovsky (Siasonic Marcht); Bartice (Symphone Installague) 10.00 Adrien Love 1.00-8.00am Robert Booth

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6.00 TV-em (6609014)

9.25 Keynotes Music cutz game presented by Alistair Divall (s) (1611033) 9.55 Thames News (7226323) 10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical discussion programme (8535323)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series (26394323) 12.10 Rainbow. Pre-school educational series (f) (7772656)

12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (6463323) 1.05 Thames News (13457976) 1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama series (Oracle) (750120)

1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (759491) 2.15 Highway To Heaven. Jonathan helps Mark find three old friends in time for a 35th high school reunion. Starting Michael Landon

3.10 TN News headlines (8026323) 3.15 Thames News headlines (8025694) 3.20 GP. Australian medical drama serial set in a suburban surgery (4625859) 3.50 Scooby Doo. Cartoon adventures (6441439) 4.05 Astro Farm.

Puppet animation about a family farming in space (s) (7346859) 4.15 Victor and Hugo. Animated adventures of a pair of 4.13 Victor and riugo. Animated adventures of a pair of incompetent crooks (s) (1875675) 4.40 Knightmare. Electronic dungeon game show presented by Hugo Myatt (7141830) 5.05 Cartoon leaturing Porky Pig (r) (5187323) 5.15 LWT News and weather (6348728) 5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchel. (Oracle) Weather (428120) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (656) 6.30 On the Buses. Virilage comedy sense starring Reg Varney and Doris Hare (r) (236)

6-30 On the States. Variage cornerly series starting may variety and Doris Hare (r) (236)
7.00 Family Fortunes. Family game show hosted by Les Dennis. (Oracle) (s) (5149)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (120)

8.00 You Bett presented by Matthew Kelly. Facing forfers this week are Andrew O'Connor, Sandi Toksvig and Gareth Marriott (s) (6965)



A portrait of mistaken identity: Ed Devereaux (9.00pm)

9.60 Crime Story: Gone Too Far — the Mystery of Mrs Muriel

McKey.

CHOICE: Delivered with more punch and style than some others in this series, Gane Too Far is a dramatisation of the 1989 case of the McKey (Ed Devereaux). Mrs Muriel McKay. She was the wife of Alick McKay (Ed Devereaux), Mis Muthel McKay. She was the wire of Auck Michaely (cu Deversaux), deputy chairman of the News of the World. While Rupert Murdoch, the paper's proprietor, was away in the United States he lent the McKays the company Rolls. The Hoselns, two Trinidadian brothers planning to kidnap Mrs Murdoch for a £1 million ransorn, were deceived into abducting the wrong woman. Glenn Chandler's correspoles bries out the confinions of the case the actimory. oeceved into abolicing the wrong woman. Glenn Chandler's screenplay brings out the confusions of the case, the acrimony between the McKay family and the police and the irony, given Alick McKay's job, of infrusive press coverage. In the end it was greed, rather than brilliant detection, which undid the villains and saved the cops from some very red faces. (Oracle) (8101)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (921052) 10.35 LWT News and weather (923255)

10.40 The London Programme. A day in the life of foreign exchange dealers at one of London's leading banks (303089)

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11.10 Park High. Fly-on-the-wall series about life in a suburban comprehensive. This programme focuses on the long-running dispute between the headmaster and a group of parents over children with special needs (856694)

11.45 Diel Mildmight. Late night phone-in show (227435) 1.05am Jake and the Fatman. American detective drama series starring Willam Conrad (2275908) 2.05 Genesis - No Admittance. A behind-the-scenes look at the rock

group recording their latest album We Can't Dance (8759298) emAttractions. The latest movie news from the United States (96598927)

3.35 Raw Power. Rock music magazine (s) (4153279) 4.35 Baseball '92 from America (9877637) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Nellson (33453). Ends at 6.00

about a jurgle tribe (198146) 1.10am The Package (1989): Gene Hack-man escorts military prisoner Tommy Lee

Jones (561163) 3.00 Patti Rocks (1988): Two male cheuwn-

sts swap stories (5601250) 4.25 Daddy's Dyin'...Who's Got the WII7 (1990): Ben Remsen s on his death bed (369434) Ends at 8.00

Via the Astra sqiellite
 B.00am Follow That Dream (1962): Elvis
 Presley musical (64945): Comedy about
 transparent leans (69491)
 10.00 The Glory Guys (1965): The US
 cavalry lights Indians (33588). Ends at 12.00

Vis the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
 5.15am Cheaper By the Dozen (1950): A

SKY MOVIES GOLD

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (82014) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (57743) 9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s)

9.30 Schools (442743) 12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (71762)

12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series (18946)
1.30 The Herbs (94053217) 1.45 The Clangers (94041472)
2.00 Film: The Best of Everything (1999). The first of a season of Friday afternoon films starring Joan Crawford. It is the soap opera story of the lives and loves of four women working in New York's

publishing jurgle, with Crawford as a tough executive involved with a married man. Directed by Jean Negulesco (19427584)

4.15 The Italian in Algiers. Animation by the Italians Luzzati and Gianni
(r) (2476236) 4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock out quiz game (s) (753)

(i) (2476236) 4.30 Fitteen 10 One. Past-moving general knowledge knock out quiz game (s) (753) 5.00 Animal Squad Undercover. A repeat of Monday's programme in which the RSPCA's Special Operations Unit follow a consignment of live sheep and pigs to Italy. (Teletext) (s) (5762) 6.00 Blossom. Comedy series about a teenage girl in an otherwise allmate Los Angeles household (526)

6.30 Happy Days. Nostalgic comedy set in 1950s Milwaukee. (Teletext) (878)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zemab Babawi. (Teletext)

Weather (171052)
7.50 First Reaction (s) (362946)
8.00 Brookside, Soap set in suburban Mersayside, (Teletext) (s) (2439)
8.30 Four-Mations Sound: State of the Art — Lip Gloss. A

documentary on the vox-pop techniques of Aardman Animations

9.00 Spirit of Trees. CHOICE: This is an easy-going celebration of trees by a quietly enthusiastic Irish environmentalist Dick Warner. He has no message to impart beyond the uncontroversial one that that trees are worth our respect and sometimes awe. Warner is first seen perched in a beech in Windsor Great Park. He comes down to earth perchad in a beech in windoor dreat Park. He comes down to earth to hear about the importance of trees to the ecosystem and discovers that fungi, far from being enemies of trees, are actually fundamental to the health of the forest. At Glenstal Abbey, County Limerick, Warner meets a couple of monks whose interest in trees ranges from the commercial (turning them into wooden bowls) to the spiritual. The series is unlikely to make headlines but in its unassuming way it should give much pleasure. (Teletext) (8965)

9.30 Cheers. Sam and Diane are pushed to breaking point when she tries to press on him a portrait of herself illustrating her tortured soul.

Starring Ted Danson and Shelley Long (r). (Teletext) (10149) 10.00 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Miami hospital. (Teletext) (s)



Spitting image: two faces of Cilve Anderson (10.30pm)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. The first of a new series of the awardwinning chat show. Tonight's guests are Michael Palin, David Mellor and Kenneth Branagh (s) (123930) 11.10 Seal In Concert. The singer recorded at the Point in Dublin last

year (s) (225675)

lem Film: Blind Alley (1939, b/w). Unusual thriller about an escaped killer (Chester Morris) who holds a psychiatrist and his family hostage and finds himself being hypnotised. Directed by Charles

Vidor (4299873)

1.25 The Twitight Zone: Nothing in the Dark (b/w). A tale of the supernatural starring Gladys Cooper (4334076). Ends at 1.55

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7.00 On Air: Chris de Souza

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9.00 Composer of the Week:
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Steyn looks at the recurring
themes of Sondheim's work

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3.00 News; Special Assignment

3.30 Bookshelf: John McGahem, whose novel Amongst Women was short-listed for the Booker Wis the Astra and Mercopolo satellines
 .00am Showcase (8986138)
 10.00 Backfield in Molion (1991)
 Researce Amold organises a mother-son footbal match (1995)
 12.00 Coal Miner's Daughter (1980)
 Blopic of singer Loretta Lynn (89004675)
 2.05pm The Guns and the Furry (1981):
 Adventure set in Persia (52-277)
 4.00 Two Brothers Running (1988)
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 (84375656) wrose novel arrangs; women was short-listed for the Booker Prize, talks about his Collected Stories to Nigel Forder, editor Nick Austin explains how he tracked down The Death Guard, which was first published in 1939; plus a selection of the autumn's papertersk medion (s)

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9.00 Morning Stretch (45-172) 9.30 German
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Woods and Assassins

10,00 Morning Sequence: Strauss
(Serenade, Op 7): Mozart
(Sonata in 8 flet, K454);
Brahms (Serenade in A. Op
16, Four Songs, Op 17);
Stravitsky (Divertimenso, Le
baiser de la 1ée)

12.00 Samuel Barber: Hermit
Songs (Leontyne Price,
sooranc: the composer, soprano: the composer, piano); Knowite, Summer of 1915 (Orchestra of St Luke's under Dawd Zimman, with Dawn Upshew, soprano); Mélodies passagères (Pierre Bernac, bantone, Francis Poulenc, piano); Andromache's Farewell (New York PO under Thomas Schippers, with Martina Arroyo, Scrippers, wan warma average soprano (r) 1.00pm News

1.05 Chamber Maple from Manchester, live from the Concert Hall, New Broadcasting House, Gerald Gilford, harpsichord, plays Handel, transcr Gifford

(Overture, Tolomer; Overture, Ludas Maccabaeus; Lascia chi'io pianga, Rinatdo); Haydn, transcr Gifford (Divertinanto in C, H XIV 4); Remeau (Air tendre pour la rose; Air pour Borée et la rose, Les Indes galantes); Bach (Adagio in G. BWV 968); Prince Johann Ernst of Saxe-Weimar, transcr Bach (Concerto in D. minor. BWV 987)
2.00 Mining the Archive: Lis21
(Petrarch Sownel No 104:
Bercause; Valse outliée No 1).

recorded at the 1961

Edinburgh Festival; Shostakovich (Seven Romances, Op 127), recorded

at the 1968 Aldeburgh Festival

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RADIO 3 3.40 Brahms: BBC Philhamonic under Alexander Rahbari performs Symphony No 4 in E

> Charles Mackerras
> 7.30 BBC Scottish Symphony
> Orchestra under Yehudi
> Menuhin performs Vaughan
> Williams (Overture, The
> Waspa): Mozart (Symphony
> No 40 in G minor); Ronald
> Stevenson (Violin Concerto:
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9.00 John McGahern: Parachutes.
Stephen Rea resds the last of the four stories from the Irish writer's collection

9.30 Messisen: Peter Hill, piano, plays La fauvette des jardins

10.05 The Mystery of the Rossry: The Resurrection, Ascension and Descent of the Holy Ghost. The third of four programmes in which Heimich

music examine the changes that have taken place in

penerously acknowledged his planeting work; it concludes that there is not much morn for the concludes that there is not much come to the concludes that there is not much confidence. Munrow's brand of early music evangelism and showmenship in the 1990s 11.30 Mildnight Oil, presented by Alari Hell. Includes Alfred Schnitte's Sutartines, and

4.30 The Breadhruft Tree: The music of Rapa III, an island 1,000 miles southeast of Tahlit 5.00 in Tune: Edward Greenfield talks to the conductor Sir

Ginesi. The third of four programmes in which Heinrich Biber's Mystery Sonatas are set in a devotional context. Micaela Comberti, violin, Paula Chetseuneuf, theorio, Jennifer Ward-Ctarke, cello, David Ponsford, organiferpsichord, Kafinyn Hurfbutt, reader 10.45 After Munrow

• CHOICE: Staten years after the suicide of David Munrow, seek mysto's most calebrated

erly music's most celebrated evengelist and its best-loved shownen-performer, Anthony Burton and other specialists in medieval and Renaissance programming and performance since his death. It is a reprettable, but perhaps inevitable, fact of tile that after

Schmitter 5 Susarmes, and Sare Stowe, accompanied by hurdy-gurdy, sings Ivan Moody's Camigas do Mar 12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland; as Radio 5 at 9am)

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RADIO 4 (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, Incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
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the Rev Michael Lewis 6.30
Today, with John Humphrys
and Peter Hobday. Incl 6.30,
7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News
6.45 Business News 6.55,
7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25
Sports News 7.45 Thought for
the Day 8.40 Yesterday in
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9.00 News

9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley's castaway is Julie
Andrews (s) (t):
9.45 The Village: Nigel Fameli
presents real-life stories from
Bentisy in Harrpshire
10.00-10.30 News; Megic
Moments (FM only): Having it
All

OCHOICE: Nigel Fountain's gallop through the first 20 years in the life of the women's megezine Cosmopolitan, records moments that are not so much megical as peradoxical. Although this "good read for the saxy girl" was launched on the high tide of women's lib, it carried articles about women's clother that were designed to "get you back into his arms", and, for only 50p, offered readers the chance to buy a bottle of scent

that was guaranteed to work as a man-trap (s)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Hindu Scriptures (LW only): The King Cursed by the 10.30 Woman's Hour from 10.30 Woman's Hour from
Edinburgh Includes an
interview with the jazz singer
Carol Kidd. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 The Natural History
Programme, presented by
Jessica Holm
13.00 Years with Rokin

with Derek Cooper 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick 1.40 The Archers (s) (f) 1.55

paperback reading (s) 4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope visits Andraw
Sabin's installation at the
Baltersea Ans Certre; talks to
Sheila Hancock, who is World at the Lyric, Hammersmith; and meets Urban Bush Women, the black Urban Bush Woman, the black American dence group on tour in Britain (s)

4.45 Short Story: Gynae, by Dilys Rose, Read by Patricia Rose

5.00 PM with Valerie Singleton and Hugh Sylvas 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Sht O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewn presents the transport programme

programme
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Pick of the Week (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke
chairs a discussion in Belitati.
For security reasons the panel
is not being named in advance
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel
Berlins епипатропо Berfins 9.15 Kaleidoscope: Spit, Wind and Angel Music. A light-hearted

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11.00 Week Ending: A settrical review of the week's news (s)
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weether 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only) Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Scarlet Letter, by Nathaniel Serivce (LW only)

look at the trombone (s) (r)

9.45 Latter from America by Alistair Cooks 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

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WHY THE MALEEVAS **ARE PUTTING BRITAIN TO SHAME**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23 1992

Tradition takes a knock as cricket throws pyjama party



WHEN it comes to strutting on the catwalk in coloured clothing, not even the Toronto Blue Jays would be a match for English cricketers (Ivo Tennant writes). Representatives from every county paraded around the Oval vesterday in shirts and trousers so gaudy and multi-coloured as to make Alec Bedser unsure whether to wince or smile. Such is the vivid face of the revamped Sunday League, to be sponsored by Axa Equity & Law.

There is plenty of room for tradition and innovation within the game."
Terry Blake, the Test and County
Cricket Board's (TCCB) marketing
manager, said upon introducing his
models, and he was taken at his word. Be they sky blue or outrageous orange, the pyjamas are clearly here to stay. Until some county members see them,

at any rate.

scious generation." This not from the sponsors, but the TCCB. The League will no longer feature anything so mundane as merely a game of cricket, for next year we are to have theatre brunches, jazz, barbecues, even crèches. As the players wandered around looking as if they had bit parts

as inmates on American prison farms we were assured that Sundays would

will have a black seam. The umpires will be decked out in light blue jackets and dark blue trousers. Each county will play 17 matches of 50 overs a side, starting at noon, with unlimited runups for bowlers. There will be four points for a victory and two points apiece for a tie. The break between innings, more postprandial than tea, will last from 3.10 to 3.50.

As for replica kits for supporters,

cricket has unashamedly bowed to the lead given by football. At £25.99 each, these outfits will be available in the full. colours of the unabashed first-class counties. Each opted for one of four designs commissioned by the TCCB and chose its own colour scheme. How valuable a source of income the gear proves to be will not be ascertained for a while. "If replica sales help to spread

Fave done well in promoting itself,"

summer will receive £30,000, more than ever before, and the winners of each match will earn £375. Still to be resolved is whether or not to have a restrictive circle for fielders and target scores in the event of interruptions through the weather, as well as just what the players and public make of the whole jamboree.

Injury forces Steadman out of World Cup final

GRAHAM Steadman, the Great Britain full back, has been ruled out of the rugby league World Cup final against Australia at Wembley tomorrow after failing a fitness test on an injured ankle (Christopher Irvine writes).

Steadman will be replaced by Joe Lydon, of Wigan, who will start a game for Britain for the first time since July 1990. Lydon, 28, has won 29 caps but has not played at full back this season. He will be expect-ed to perform the tactical kicking role that was planned for Steadman while his goal-kicking ability will ease the pressure on Deryck Fox, the team's only other seasoned place kicker.

Alan Tait, of Leeds, who has been outstanding in attack this season, has been added to the replacements.

Langer's big threat, page 44

Miserable time for goalkeeper in Cup Winners' Cup tie

Liverpool pay penalty as Grobbelaar sees red

FROM DAVID MILLER

JUST when it seemed that Liverpool were only six minutes away from a remarkable 2-2 draw in the first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup second round, they toppled to disaster in Moscow last night. Their goalkeeper, Bruce Grobbelaar, was sent off, Spartak scored from the penalty, and they widened the margin in the final minute.

Liverpool after one of the bravést performances I can remember in all their European history. They could have been overwhelmed, and Spartak, the new Russian League champions, had the chances for six or more goals. Yet Liverpool struck twice through Wright and McManaman to equalise. and they seemed to have ridden the handicap of losing Nicol from the centre of their

What a disaster this was for

defence with a groin strain diagnosed before the kick-off. Walters, who had an outstanding match on the left of midfield, had hit the crossbar from 18 yards with a quarter of an hour remaining and Liverpool's spirits were sky high when McManaman, cutting in from an acute angle on the left, beat Cherchesov to

It was the foulest possible night in the huge National

Ovett, Coe, Wells and Thompson, but now there were 55,000 huddled together in continuous, beating rain.

on the terraces almost exceeded that on the pitch, whereby the second half the mud had erased most of the players' numbers. Again and again, the stadium echoed to a crescendo of encouragement from Russian enthusiasts, who, for all their hardships. now let their feelings loose, never mind the weather, never mind their thousands of broken umbrellas that kept off little of the rain.

And the crowd was rewarded when Liverpool finally crashed. Radchenko, one of Spartak's two strikers who had constantly stretched Wright and Burrows - who had past two tackles. Grobbelaar unceremoniously upended Burrows pulled on his jersey in goal. Carpin shaped to take the kick and as the ball sped low into the corner Burrows commendably was only a hand's-breadth away.

Could Liverpool keep it to a one-goal margin? In a frenzied finish, Radchenko missed an open goal from ten yards. and with barely a minute remaining, a weak clearance was picked up by Carpin, switched to Liediachov and his drive left Burrows floundering. The din on the terraces was ear-splitting.

In the opening minutes of the match, Liverpool had looked ripe for a rout. Three times in as many minutes,

switched from full back to the Grobbelaar narrowly survived Cambridge sack Beck

he had been linked with the vacant job at Preston North End (Peter Ball writes). Gary Peters, his assistant, was also

controversial managers in the game and, for a time, one of Cambridge from the fourth division to the brink of the His methods were not popular, however, as Cam-

was in the best interests of everyone that John and Gary

sold to Japan RODRIGO De Triano is to brilliant horse I have ever om his stable companion. Dr

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

Rodrigo De Triano

Devices, at stud in Japan after a \$6.2 million deal agreed last

The purchase by the Japan Racing Association of the outstanding winner of this year's Guineas, International Stakes and Champion Stakes is a shattering blow for British racing and reflects the loss of confidence within the domestic bloodstock industry.

Less than 24 hours after The Times disclosed that Dr Devious, winner of this year's Derby, had been sold to Japan for \$6 million, Robert

Sangster confirmed that Rodrigo De Triano tramed Rodrigo De Triano, tra by Peter Chapple I was has also been sold to the Ear East.

"I am hearthroise I was desperate to keep the horse here because he is the most

bred, but in the end you have to be realistic." The Japan Racing Association, whose income from the

sport is in excess of £2 billion a British and Irish rating interests they could have the outstanding classic colt if they - Gootmore Stud, in which Sangster has a 33 per cent share and the Newmarketbased National Stud frantically attempted to get a syndicate to match the offer of ingether to match the oner or the Japanese. But to no avail. Sangster told me: "I sent a

accept their offer at six o'clock.
Their offer was open until
midnight."

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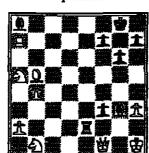
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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Vitolins - Sandler. USSR 1986. The good news for white is that he is a queen and a piece ahead. The bad news is that he is about to be mated. How? Solution below.



Solution: white's entra pieces can only speciate as black forces mate.] ... Kh2+ 2 Kg1 f2+ 3 Quf2 Kh1 mate.

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CAMBRIDGE UNITED dismissed John Beck, their manager, yesterday, two days after

Beck was one of the most

hridge's direct style won them few friends outside the Fens. His idiosyncratic manage-ment approach also disillusioned some of his players.

Beck made little secret of his desire to move on and Reg Smart, the Cambridge chairman, said: "Because of all the uncertainty within the club, it

Barclays withdraws sponsorship

ed to end its six-year sponsorship of the Football League at the conclusion of the season after contributing £11.5 million in two three-year terms. The decision was confirmed

by Bill Gordon, managing director of the Barclays Bank-ing Division, who said: "Our decision to take up the sponsorship in 1987 was based solely on commercial reasons, with clear business objectives in mind. "Over the past six seasons.

these objectives have been fulfilled and we feel that the end of the current season is the most appropriate time to down from the ".cidzroznos He added: "We have been delighted with our football.

involvement and our partnership with the Football League in establishing the single most successful sports sponsorship in the UK to date." In August, first-half profit

figures from Barclays con-

firmed what many in the City

had feared as the recession

continued to bite. After setting aside over £1 billion for bad debts. Barclays reported a stump in profits before tax to £51 million for the first half of 1992, compared with profits of £378 million in the first half of 1991.

made a loss of £30 million in the first six months of 1992. It was only the second time in the bank's 300-year history that it had disclosed a deficit, and it was also the first time that Britain's biggest bank made a loss due to problems in its core United Kingdom operations. The bank's first-half results were accompanied with a gloomy prediction on prospects from Sir John Quinton. Barclays' chairman, who warned that the recession could go on for another two

Gordon McKeag the league president, said he understood the reasons behind Barclays' decision and added: "I am confident that the range, quality and popularity of league football presents an unrivalled opportunity for a blue-chip sponsor, and I feel sure that the void will soon be from the top.

McKeag praised Barclays for standing by the league after the top 22 clubs had left to join the Football Association's Premier League. "It is typical of the bank's

attitude that they have continued to support us during this difficult season and that they have given us the earliest possible notice of their decision, to enable us to negotiate a new sponsorship deal for next season." The Football League, mean-

down a member. Cardiff City were yesterday urged to leave for the League of Wales. The third division's club's financial controller, Rick Wright, claimed dropping out of the Football League to join the new Welsh set-up would be

while, may soon find itself

Cardiff's best move. And the League of Wales secretary, John Deakin, said: "I don't see any future for Weish clubs playing in the looked at favourably."

English League — they are constantly being squeezed out

Liverpool had not had a single

shot and Spartak might have

had another three goals,

though, with twenty minutes

gone, Liverpool's middle line

of five had started to settle and

The start of the second was

full of promise. Hutchison,

who will have learned so much

from this match, shot high

over from a chance made by

McManaman, and from a

cross by Thomas, Walters dived to head wide. Then

Wright, coming up for a corner by Walters, bundled the hall home with what

While Liverpool were still

looked like his shoulder.

goal in the 78th minute

as he glared at the referee.

get a grip on the match.

"More and more resources are being directed towards the top of the English pyramid. This is being reflected by the financial difficulties now being faced by clubs in the lower divisions. "I firmly believe that the

Wales - and that means from within the League of Wales." Wright will not make a final decision on the path Cardiff will take until early in the new year, but said that one of the reasons he is thinking of taking such a step is the possible setting up of a British or European super league within the next few years.

Deakin confirmed that any application from Cardiff to join the Welsh league would be looked at "favourably" and added: "We have always said that if the English league clubs change their minds, any application to join us would be



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